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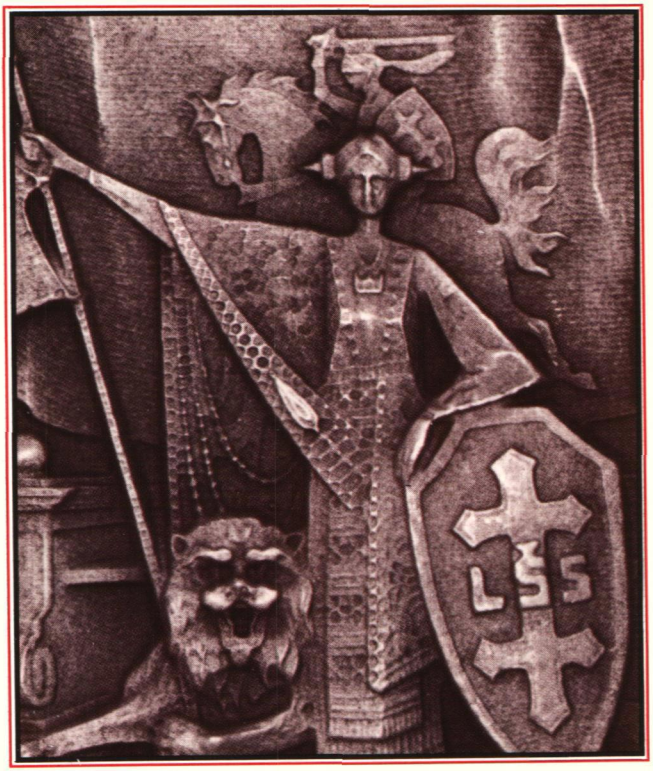

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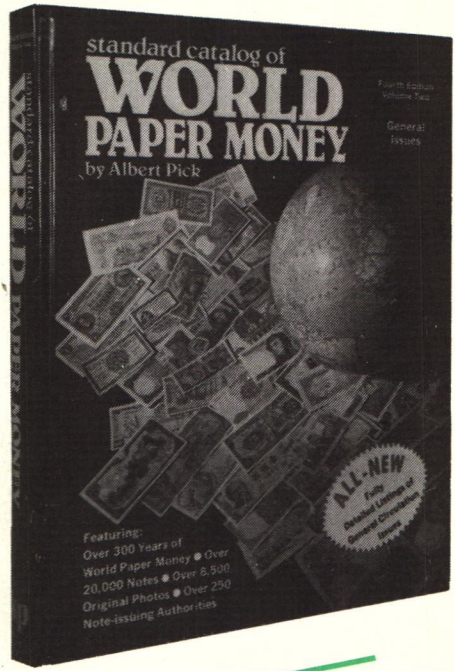

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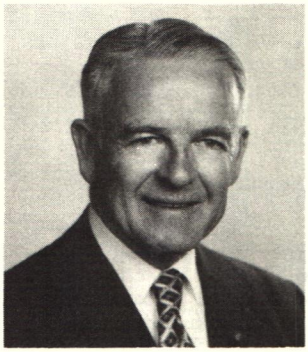

En route to the recent Numismatists of Wisconsin annual convention, I stopped in Sidney, Ohio, to pay a long overdue visit to Amos Press, the publisher of *Coin World* and various other magazines and newspapers. Since my last visit in 1972, Amos Press has relocated its operation to a new, very modern facility. Despite their hectic schedules, *Coin World* Editor Margo Russell and her staff graciously set aside some time for me.

The NOW convention was held in Milwaukee's new convention center, which has facilities that could easily accomodate a future ANA convention. NOW Convention Chairman Kevin Foley and his committees are to be congratulated on a well-run show. However, the one thing Kevin could not control was the weather. Winter came to Milwaukee the same time I did, and Wisconsin collectors accused me of bringing the Colorado winter to their city.

The Finance Committee has announced that both the 1982-83 and 1983-84 budgets are now balanced. Nevertheless, the committee, ANA staff and Board of Governors will continue to monitor the budget to insure that revenues do not decrease and expenditures do not increase. To the many members who helped the ANA by sending generous donations with their dues payments, I extend my sincere thanks.

No collector wants to be the victim of fraud. If you have a complaint against an ANA member, please detail your charges in a letter addressed to the Executive Vice President at ANA Headquarters. ANA bylaws provide that all complaints will be investigated and that an attempt will be made to resolve any differences. A majority of complaints are settled by Headquarters, but some irreconcilable disputes are brought before the ANA Board of Governors. Although the Board is not a court of law, any ANA member who does not abide by the Board's decision is subject to disciplinary action that can include expulsion from the ANA and publication of the grounds for expulsion in *The Numismatist.*

As you all know, this year marks the semi-annual ANA elections, in which the membership can elect a president, vice president and four governors. At present, only the presidential candidate is unchallenged. I urge each of you to examine the platform and past performance of each candidate and vote accordingly when you receive your ballot in July.

Later this month I will attend the Georgia Numismatic Association's convention in Atlanta, where I will man the ANA table. I hope to see many of you there!

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English Coins Featured in Price List

The spring edition of *Rare Coin Cabinet*, a price list of rare coins published by California Numismatic Corporation of Pasadena, California, has been issued by the company's owners, Don Suter and Bruce Lorich. The publication lists coins struck during the reigns of Charles II (1662) through the current reign of Elizabeth II.

The nucleus of the price list, however, consists of the St. Albans Collection. Included in this selection are a 1714 farthing in Choice Proof, Soho Mint coppers, a 1677 half crown of Charles II, a 1787 silver Proof set, a 1799 "Fullerton" 6-piece silver Proof set of Scotland and an 1831 two-pound gold piece of William IV. Free copies of the spring edition of *Rare Coin Cabinet* are available from California Numismatic Corp., P.O. Box 504, Pasadena, CA 91102.

Lithuanian Numismatic Catalog Published

The Lithuanian Numismatic Association of Columbia, Maryland, has recently published *A Catalog of Early Lithuanian Coins, I. Under the Grand Dukes*. This publication represents the first complete catalog detailing the early issues of Lithuania. Included in the catalog are coins struck during the reigns of Algirdas, Kestutis, Vladimir, Kaributas, Jogaila, Vytautas and Romanas.

Collectors interested in Lithuanian numismatics can obtain a sample copy of the catalog by writing to the Lithuanian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 612, Columbia, MD 21045.

Collection Sells Out

$998,107 was realized as every lot offered during the March 4, 1983, auction of Parts II and III of the S. Hallock duPont Collection of U.S. and foreign coins was sold. Highlights in the foreign category included a 1665 3-taler from the Brunswick lines that sold for $4,070 and two 1685 3-talers from the same obverse die that realized $2,640 and $2,420 respectively. Estimated to sell for between $50,000 and $70,000, a commemorative 100-ducat struck for Ferdinand III's coronation as King of Bohemia in 1629 realized $63,250, and a 2-testones piece of Louis Maria Sforza of Milan reached a price of $6,820 before it was purchased.

The afternoon session saw U.S. coins and currency yield enthusiastic bidding. A 1793 Chain cent in Good-Fine condition crossed the block at $11,550, a 1795 cent sold for $7,150 and a complete set of Uncirculated 2-cent pieces was hammered down for $13,200. A set of Proof silver trimes sold for $30,800 and an 1836 Gobrecht starred-reverse dollar in Proof-like AU sold for $7,975. The highest price paid during the auction was realized by a set of Pan Pac coins, selling for $80,300.

According to Michael Hodder, head of Sotheby's coin department, prices paid during the last two or three months for rare U.S. coins have shown a steady and continuous rise. The optimism displayed during the Eliasberg, Long Beach, Tucson, and duPont sales, indicates a groundswell that should carry the hobby toward realistic price levels since such prices will be based upon strong collector interest. Hodder expects that the "recovery" is closely linked to rising expectations among all segments of the general economy, and that this optimism can be expected to continue.

Future auction dates and sites plus a complete listing of prices realized at the duPont sale can be obtained from Sotheby Parke Bernet, Inc., 1334 York Ave., New York, NY 10021.

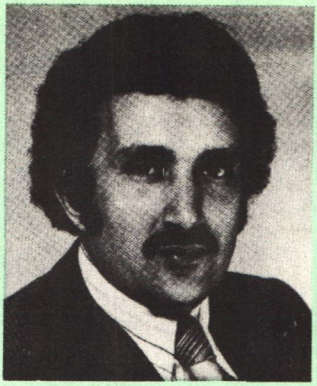
Kagin's Announces Appointments

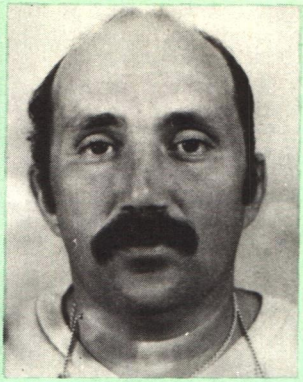
Donald H. Kagin, president of the Des Moines, Iowa, based firm that carries his name, has announced two recent appointments to senior staff positions. Kenneth F. Thornton has been appointed to assume the role of controller, receiving full financial and accounting responsibilty for Kagin's nationwide numismatic operations.

Appointed as director of marketing services, Peter H. Theodore will be responsible for the company's advertising, public relations and sales promotion programs.

Organization Promotes Medallic Sculpture

The Paris-based Federation Internationale de la Medaille (FIDEM) was organized in 1937 as an international federation of medalists, mints and museums, the goal of which is the elevation of the medallic art form. Coordinating the activities of FIDEM's United States chapter is John Cook, professor of art at Penn State University. Cook was





Coin Dealers Beware

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking 39-year-old Carmen J. Falzone and 23-year-old female accomplice Kelly Lahners Morris in connection with the robbery of an elderly retired coin dealer in Salt Lake City, Utah, and other criminal offenses.

Born June 6, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, Carmen J. Falzone is a balding 5'9", 180-pound white male with black hair and brown eyes. He is known to wear a black hair piece, a full, dark mustache, flashy clothing and expensive jewelry. Previously arrested for burglary and various other offenses throughout the United States, Falzone is considered an expert safe-cracker. He is a self-proclaimed coin expert and frequents coin shops and shows.

Falzone has used Social Security number 327-44-7772 and the aliases Carmen John Falzone, Jr., Carman John Falzone, Carmen John Flazone, Carmelo James Falzone, John Phillip Law, John Carr, Richard A. Strauss, James Warren Watts, James John Carradine, Carmen Carradine, Jimmy Carradine and Alan Cohen.

Kelly Lahners Morris, born October 28, 1959, in Lincoln, Nebraska, is described as a 5'7" white female with blond hair and blue eyes. She has used Social Security number 506-96-0315 and the aliases Susan Sibley and Kelly Lahners. She has previously been employed as a waitress. Both Falzone and Morris are also reported to be heavy users of cocaine and other drugs.

The Federal warrant charging Falzone and Morris with interstate transportation of stolen property, bank larceny, and major theft was issued on February 16, 1982, in Salt Lake City. Anyone with information regarding Falzone or Morris is requested to take no action other than to contact the nearest FBI office, the number of which may be found on the first page of most telephone directories.

Both Falzone and Morris should be considered armed and dangerous.

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appointed in January 1983 to succeed Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli as the federation's U.S. delegate.

FIDEM is respected in most countries, yet because of the seeming lack of interest in the United States, FIDEM is not well recognized. To combat this lack of communication between the medallic art community in the United States and in Europe, FIDEM's U.S. operations are being made more visible. The February 1982 organization of the American Medallic Sculpture Association (AMSA), an American-based medallic art society, is contributing to the visibility campaign. Although many gaps have already been bridged in the short time since AMSA's establishment, many still remain.

Another factor in the slow maturation of medallic art in the United States is the lack of detailed instruction offered by universities and art schools. To reintroduce the viability of medallic art, 400 art schools and university art programs have been contacted with the hope of sparking a renewed interest in medallic art and introduction of study programs into the art curricula.

At present, a four-week program has been scheduled for the summer of 1984 at Penn State University. Subjects thus far planned include relief sculpture for reduction; direct miniature modeling; shell, investment and vacuum casting techniques; medallic history, and field trips to mints and visits from international guest artists. Although such workshops will yield only long-term

results, it is a first step in returning the United States to the respected stature once held and providing good competition for the European medallic art community.

One of the more prominent means of achieving visibility is participation in FIDEM's 19th meeting and exhibition, scheduled for October 1983 in Florence, Italy. Representing the United States at the XIX Congress is the medallic work of 41 artists, including such well known sculptors as Gary Eriksen, Edward Grove, Julian Harris, Elizabeth Jones, Mico Kaufman, Gertrude Lathrop, Marika Somogyi, and Karen Worth. Because the average age of those Americans exhibiting work at the XIX Congress is 60; the United States must begin to introduce this art form to younger artists so that what our present sculptors have accomplished can continue.

The Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut, has offered to strike a medal commemorating the 1983 FIDEM Congress in Florence, Italy. The medal will be given to any individual, foundation or corporation granting amounts of more than $500 in support of FIDEM (USA) activities. The medal will also be presented to all heads and officers of national delegations represented at the International Congress and to all American participants.

Information about FIDEM and its programs, including the 1983 XIX Congress and Exhibition in Florence and the Medallic Art Company's participation, can be obtained from John A. Cook, FIDEM Delegate, P.O. Box 181, Lemont, PA 16851.

Coin Preservation Kit Introduced

Equi-Safe Corporation, a New York-based manufacturer and distributor of coin protection products, has introduced the "Triple Protection Kit" to the numismatic community. The kit, a package of three coin storage products specifically designed to protect coins from damage, is comprised of Test-N-Safe™, 100 SAFLIPS™, and two Metal SAFE™ cubes. Additional information about the Triple Protection Kit is available from Equi-Safe, Dept. PRA, Suite 14D, 315 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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The Bill Williams Trust Memorial Youth Awards for Excellence in Numismatics was established to honor young numismatists in their quest for numismatic knowledge. Named after Bill Williams, a noted Nebraska numismatist who died in April 1982, the awards are in the form of books in each winner's area of interest. Winners, who must be under 21 years of age, will be chosen by a panel of judges.

The directors of the trust fund have announced the necessity of donations to perpetuate the awards. Donations may be in the form of books suitable for awards, money or coins. Gifts of money will go toward the purchase of books; coins will be included in the annual auction of the Nebraska Numismatic Convention, the proceeds of which will go toward the purchase of books. Numismatists wishing to donate money are invited to send a check to the Bill Williams Trust Awards Fund, P.O. Box 30011, Lincoln, NE 68503. Coins or books can also be sent to the above address. Young numismatists are invited to write to the same address for additional information about the award program.

World's Fair Commemorative Proposed

Congressman Robert Livingston (R-La.) has proposed legislation in Congress that would permit the minting of a $1 commemorative coin for the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans. Co-sponsored by fellow Louisiana Representatives Lindy Boggs, John Breaux, Jerry Huckaby, Henson Moore and Billy Tauzin, the bill would authorize the minting and sale of legal tender commemorative coins to support the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition.

The legislation would provide Congressional recognition of the importance of the New Orleans World's Fair, and it will provide the needed funds to the Exposition as well, at no expense to the Federal Government. The coins will be sold at a price that includes face value ($1), the cost of production and a $10 surcharge. Information about the progress of the Louisiana World Exposition Coin Act is available from Congressman Bob Livingston, First District Louisiana, 206 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.

American Medallic Sculpture Association Exhibition Announced

In the interest of reviving medallic art in the United States and Canada, the American Medallic Sculpture Association (AMSA) was recently organized by sculptors and those interested in

promoting the Association's goals. To encourage the design, production, exhibit, sale and publication of contemporary works of medallic and bas-relief sculpture, AMSA has organized a program of activities that includes workshops, field trips, participation in the next international exhibition of the Federation Internationale de la Medaille, exposure of new works of medallic art to the collecting public, and an exhibition.

The exhibition, scheduled for October 1 through December 3, 1983, will be held in the Museum of the American Numismatic Society in New York. AMSA and the ANS have invited sculptors to submit their work for the exhibition; a committee of AMSA and ANS representatives has been selected to choose sculpture that will be exhibited. Guidelines for artists wishing to submit their work have been established by AMSA and the ANS:

1) Exhibit area is defined as a three-square-foot space; any medallic or bas-relief sculpture that fits this format will be eligible for consideration. A non-refundable $10 entry fee is required.

2) Although the exhibition is to be held in the American Numismatic Society museum, a possibility exists that all or part may travel to other galleries. If this should occur, the exhibitor's consent will be sought prior to travel.

3) No prizes will be awarded. Those viewing the exhibition will receive a price list of the artwork on display. Sculptors are encouraged to produce their works in a fashion that permits the production of copies for sale. AMSA will act as sales representatives, referring customers to sculptors in exchange for a donation by the sculptor of 15 percent of the sale price to AMSA and 15 percent to the ANS.

4) Applications must be received by the ANS on or before June 4, 1983. For ease in reviewing, color slides of each submitted piece is required. Artists wishing to submit actual sculpture are responsible for its delivery by 10 a.m. on June 4. More than one piece may be submitted, however, only those that fit into the prescribed three-square-foot exhibit space will be eligible for acceptance. Notification of acceptance will be made as soon as possible after June 4. No slides will be returned unless return postage has been supplied.

5) Artists must supply information for an illustrated catalog, which is planned for the exhibition. Required information includes the title of the work, date, dimensions, medium, method of production, size of edition, and price (if it is to be offered for sale). Although artists may submit as many pieces as they like, only one picture of one side of a medal will be included in the catalog. Only black and white photos of the chosen medal will be accepted and either the photo or the medal itself must be received at the museum by July 5, 1983.

6) The Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut, has offered to produce dies of two of the pieces displayed at the exhibition; details have yet to be finalized. Artists who wish to have pieces considered for production as struck medals should indicate this in the catalog information.

7) All material accepted for exhibition must be received by the American Numismatic Society by August 16, 1983, registered mail or hand delivered. All material will receive the same security measures the ANS provides its own collection and while on the premises will be covered by ANS' insurance policy. Following the close of the exhibition, all exhibited pieces will be returned to sculptors.

8) The exhibition seeks to encourage a wide variety of approaches to medallic and bas-relief sculpture. Cast and struck pieces in any medium and of any shape are welcome as long as they conform to the limitations prescribed in these guidelines. Designs and models for medallic and bas-relief scultpture will be considered for exhibition as well as produced works.

Sculptors wishing to receive complete guidelines and an application form should address their requests to Dr. Alan Stahl, American Numismatic Society, Broadway and 155th St., New York, NY 10032. Persons wishing to either join the American Medallic Sculpture Association or receive information on the organization should contact Gary Ericksen, President, American Medallic Sculpture Association, 280 Mott St., New York, NY 10012.

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also paper money, mint errors, Breton and trade tokens, medals and numismatic literature.

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Nickel Design Report Published

The primary topic of the current edition of Howard Seaver's *Seatol Report* is Felix Schlag, designer of the Jefferson Nickel. Articles featured in the issue include "The Jefferson Nickel and The Artist" by Howard Seaver, "The Story of the Jefferson Nickel" by Felix Schlag and a book review. Also included is a brief biographical sketch of Schlag. Copies of the first article, "The Jefferson Nickel and the Artist," by Howard Seaver, are available free; the complete *Seatol Report* is available for $2, including first class mailing, from Howard Seaver, P.O. Box 23, Portland, ND 58274.

Out of Print References Reissued

Two out-of-print references, Don Taxay's *Counterfeit, Mis-Struck and Unofficial U.S. Coins* and *Australasian Tokens and Coins* by Arthur Andrews, have been rereleased by Sanford J. Durst, a numismatic book publisher based in New York. Although long out-of-print, Durst recently came upon a large hoard of Taxay's 220-page, illustrated book. Chapters discuss the history of mint techniques and terminology, the art of counterfeiting, clipping and adjusting, famous forgeries of the U.S. Mint, a suggested reading list and other chapter headings.

Andrews' *Australasian Tokens and Coins* was originally published in 1921. Included are historical background data on Australian numismatics and 61 pages of photos, as well as copper and bronze tokens, English and Colonial medalists, copper and bronze token designs, alphabetical lists of Australasian copper and bronze tokens, a bibliography and many other subjects. This hard cover reprint has been limited to 500 copies. *Counterfeit, Mis-Struck and Unofficial U.S. Coins* by Don Taxay, and *Australasian Tokens and Coins* by Arthur Andrews are available for $8 and $35 respectively from Sanford J. Durst, 29-28 41st Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101.

Silver Dollar Reference Issued

Dick A. Reed, owner of Metro Coin Ltd. of Phoenix, Arizona, and consultant to several publications about silver dollar investment, has written and published *The Complete Investor's Guide to Silver Dollar Investment*, a reference introducing collectors and investors to the investment opportunities in the silver dollar field. A brief examination of numismatic history and terminology prefaces a 128-page section on the investment potential of each Morgan and Peace silver dollar on a date-by-date basis. Each coin is rated as an investment on a scale of eight levels of Mint State and is accompanied by a full-color photograph.

Date and mintmark descriptions include such information as mintage, fullness of strike and normal surface conditions, number of die varieties and approximate availability in each of the discussed Mint State levels. Reed's rankings of the investment pieces and recommendations for investment strategies as well as myths and theories about silver dollars are also included.

The reference also contains several appendices, featuring mintage figures by date and mintmark, number of dies produced per mint for each year and number of silver dollars minted from 1883 through 1964. Priced at $18.95 plus $1.95 postage, *The Complete Investor's Guide to Silver Dollar Investing* can be ordered from Dick A. Reed, 4455 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 115, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

Roosevelt Medal Sought for Exhibit

The United States Department of the Interior has announced that it is seeking to obtain a Theodore Roosevelt Special Inaugural Medal for permanent exhibit at its

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in New Hampshire. The medal, designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, is bronze, measures 2⅞ inches in diameter and was struck by Tiffany in 1905.

Numismatists able to assist the Department of the Interior in obtaining such a piece are encouraged to contact the Superintendent, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, R.R. 2, Box 73, Cornish, New Hampshire 03745.

New Auction Service Announced

The New York auction firm Herbert I. Melnick, Inc. has announced the establishment of a new auction service providing potential mail bidders the opportunity to view coins before the auction occurs. The new service features the availability of color slides of any coin, banknote or medal in the firm's auctions. Additional information about the service, including prices and ordering instructions can be obtained from Herbert I. Melnick, Inc., 265 Sunrise Hwy., Suite 52, Rockville Centre, New York, NY 11570.

Krause Issues Newest Catalogs

Krause Publications, the Iola, Wisconsin, numismatic publishing house, has issued three new numismatic catalogs. The 1983 edition of *Auction Prices Realized, U.S. Coins* and its counterpart *Auction Prices Realized, U.S. Paper Money* were compiled and edited by Robert Wilhite and are designed to aid investors and dealers in understanding and evaluating the numismatic marketplace. The 796-page volume on U.S. coins offers coverage of 57,203 lots from the top 62 public auctions of 1982, listing each entry by denomination, auction company, coin type as well as alphabetically.

The paper money reference lists 19,830 lots from 140 public auctions and mail bid sales spanning 1978-1982. The entries in this 360-page reference are listed by face value within the principal categories of large and small size notes, national bank notes, fractional currency and encased postage stamps.

The third reference issued by Krause is the 4th edition of Albert Pick's *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money*. This 960-page volume features more than 300 years of paper money specimens, primarily focusing on nationally franchised issues. More than 20,000 notes, described and valued in U.S. dollars, and more than 8,500 photos comprise this edition. Listings are presented alphabetically, by denomination, series and issue and by signature combinations.

Priced at $50, $40 and $35 respectively, *Auction Prices Realized; U.S. Coins; Auction Prices Realized, U.S. Paper Money;* and *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money* are each available from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.

Course Draws Interest

During the January intercession at Western Maryland College in Westminster, Maryland, 35 students enrolled in a four week course on numismatics conducted by Professors William David and Donald Zauche. Students met for two hours each day and were introduced to subjects such as the origin of money, the history of coinage and minting, numismatic materials as data for the study of history and past economic, political and social conditions, and the art of coins. Special attention was accorded the study of Greek and Roman coins, coins of India, colonial and early U.S. coppers, and Hard Times Tokens.

Numismatics as a hobby was explored using publications including *The Numismatist* and *Coin World*. Slide programs from the American Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Society and material from the professors' private files were used as well. In addition to daily classroom sessions, students toured the Philadelphia Mint, the Franklin Mint and the Numismatic Exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. In the school's chemistry and biology laboratories the use of stereo microscopes afforded the students scientific methods of numismatic study.

Information about this numismatic program is available from the Public Information Office, Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD 21157.

Becker Accepts Position

Raymond N. Merena, president of Bowers and Merena Galleries of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, has announced the appointment of Tom Becker as the firm's senior staff numismatist. One of the main responsibilities to be assumed by Becker is management of the firm's Collection Portfolio Program. A numismatist knowledgeable in many fields, Becker previously worked with Paramount International Coin Corporation and with Louis Collins.

THE MEDALS OF PETRAS RIMSA

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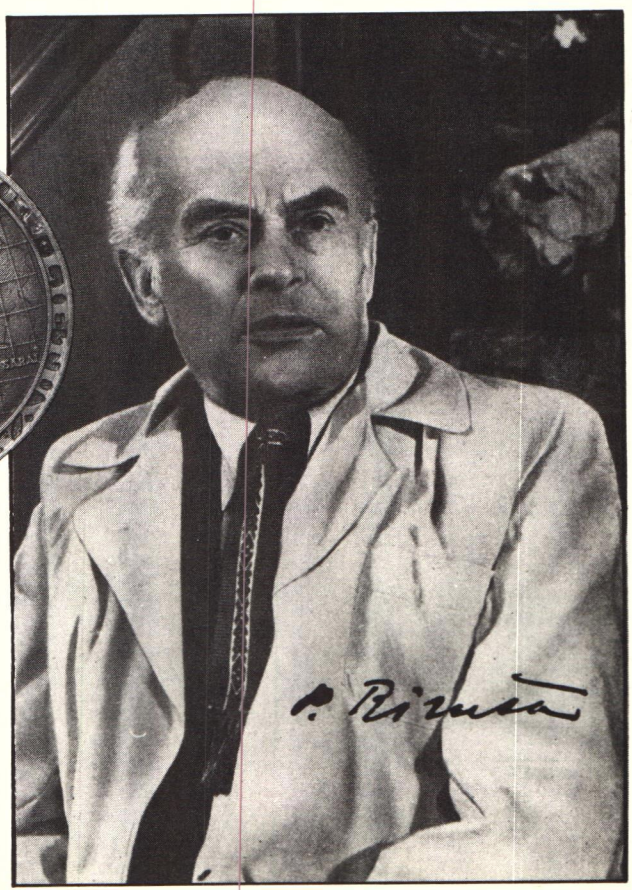


On the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea lies Lithuania, the southernmost of the Baltic States and a land rich in numismatic history. Although Lithuanian coinage history dates back to the 14th century, the country's relatively remote location in Europe and its history of repeated foreign occupations have left the field of Lithuanian numismatics virtually untouched. Often erroneously included with the coinage of Germany, Poland, Russia or the Soviet Union, Lithuanian numismatics is a specialty in its own right and offers the researcher an abundant opportunity for study.

Lithuanian medallic art is an especially untouched area of study, particularly because individual medals struck by various persons or groups were outlawed after World War II by the occupying Soviets, and because much technical data and certain design themes were censored. Much of the information available about Lithuanian medallic art is found only among the memories of aged Lithuanian exiles. Dedicated members of the Lithuanian Numismatic Association, carefully recording and preserving these memories, are to a very large part responsible for the preservation of this rich and interesting numismatic field. The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago, Illinois, serves as an archival repository for Lithuanian cultural material; its numismatic department contains numerous rare medals brought to the United States by exiles from Lithuania.

The Republic of Lithuania, located on the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea.

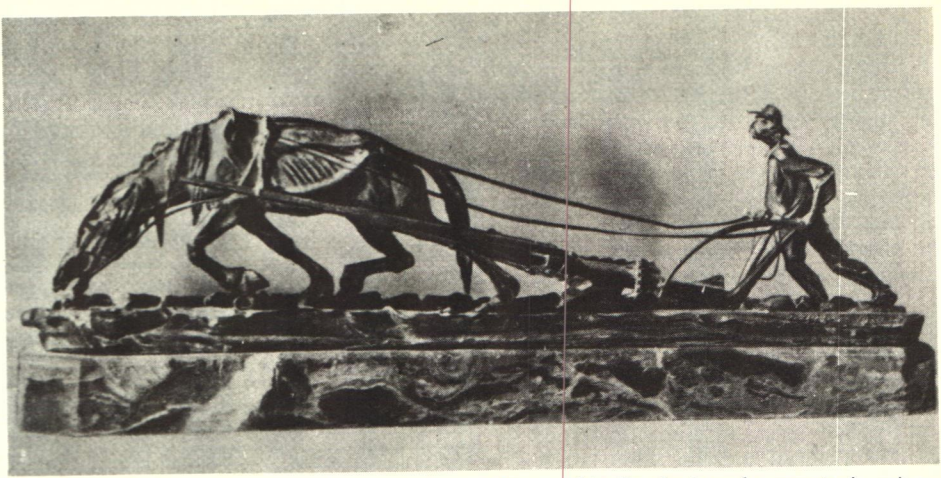
Lithuania's most outstanding medalist was sculptor Petras Rimsa (1881-1961), a contemporary of Germany's Karl Goetz. Many of Rimsa's designs reflect Lithuanian patriotic themes and range from religious subject matter to sarcastic political commentary. Because of the unfortunate chain of events that befell the Republic of Lithuania after World War II, Rimsa's medallic works are relatively unknown. Rarely available on the market, his medals are highly prized and dearly cherished by Lithuanian collectors everywhere.

Petras Rimsa was born November 11, 1881, in the Lithuanian village of Naudziai. His parents were farmers of the Suvalkai Province, and in this rural setting young Petras aspired to be an artist. He was especially talented and showed a marked tendency for work that required skill, accuracy and patience. As a young boy he spent much of his leisure time whittling and decorating household articles and farm implements. Before long he had acquired the name "Master" in his village in recognition of his artistic work.

At the age of 17, Petras left his village for Warsaw, Poland, to study art under the tutelage of Polish sculptor Welonski. He then traveled to France for further study at the *Ecole des Beaux Arts* under Professor Antoin Mercie. After completing his courses there, Rimsa traveled to various European centers of art and culture, continually increasing his knowledge and skill.

Upon his return to Lithuania in 1906, Rimsa immersed himself in local Lithuanian cultural activities, helped to establish the Lithuanian Art Association and participated in the first Lithuanian Art Exhibit in 1907. Here he exhibited his most famous sculptural work, *The Lithuanian School*, which received much critical acclaim. This masterpiece represents the Lithuanian school between the years 1864 and 1904 when the Russian government had placed the strictest ban on all Lithuanian literature. The sculpture shows a mother secretly teaching her child the Lithuanian language. The alert and watchful dog beside the child shows the constant fear with which the school operated.

In 1907 Rimsa exhibited his other



Rimsa's work **THE PLOUGHMAN**, *created in 1922, graphically depicts the country's misery under Russian occupation.*

famous work, *Artojas* (*The Ploughman*), which expressed Lithuania's utter misery under Russian occupation. The piece depicts the ploughman with his beast of burden and the plough made by his own hands, as these together force the hard and weedy soil to yield a crop. *The Ploughman* associated Rimsa's name with Lithuania's struggle for national independence. In 1911, the Russian Imperial Society of Arts awarded him a large cash prize for this work.

The outbreak of World War I brought severe hardships to Rimsa and his countrymen, and Rimsa was forced to labor in munitions factories and as a merchant. After Lithuanian independence was restored in 1918, he returned to his home in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius and continued his artwork.

His return to Vilnius, however, was short-lived. In 1920 a military invasion of Lithuania by Poland and occupation of Vilnius by Polish troops forced Rimsa to flee the city. His studio was lost and a lasting bitterness toward Poland was implanted in his heart, a feeling that was later reflected in his medallic work. After losing his studio in Vilnius, Rimsa journeyed to Berlin and other European cities. He finally returned to Lithuania and made his home in Kaunas, the temporary capital of the country.

Rimsa is said by many to have had a stuttering problem, and consequently he talked very little. When the subject of the Polish occupation of Lithuania's capital came up, however, he suddenly became very eloquent and spoke as an expert on the subject.

Rimsa toured the United States in 1936 and 1937, exhibiting his works in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, New York and other cities. Critics marveled at his artistic abilities. Paul Bird of *The Art Digest* commented, "An artist of unusual graphic power, he also produces ornate linear sculptures, decorated from head to foot with fantastic designs." Carlyle Burrows of the *New York Herald Tribune* wrote, "Medals like these celebrating the Congress of Vilnius, and the establishment of the first ecclesiastical province of Lithuania, are forcefully modeled in their essential details, while showing meticulous elaboration of the backgrounds." Eleanor Jewett of the *Chicago Daily Tribune* remarked, "There seems, in fact, no end to the genius of this artist. He cannot be classified as modern or non-modern, but ranks with the unticketed immortals."

In the introduction to the official program at the exhibition held at the International Institute in Boston, January 30 through February 12, 1937, the Consul General of Lithuania, Jonas Budrys, remarked:

> Petras Rimsa is one of the most prominent sculptors of Lithuania. His creations are valued very highly not only in Lithuania, but also elsewhere. They

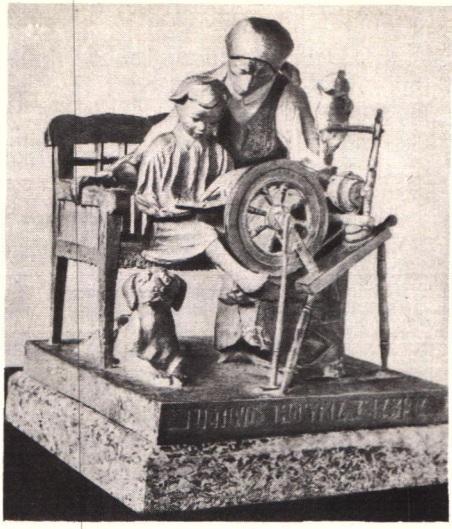
portray the spirit of national Lithuanian art; they carry one into the realms of the unknown, unexplored futurism . . . His numerous medallions disclose the finesse of an accomplished artist.

In appreciation of this recognition, and in appreciation of the talents of the sculptor, we offer this exhibit to art lovers, and we hope that it will tend to bring the American public closer to Lithuanian talents, and to the Lithuanian people as a whole.[1]

Rimsa's success in the United States was due largely to the efforts of the noted Lithuanian-American numismatist, Dr. Alexander M. Rackus (1893-1965). An avid collector, Rackus belonged to the American Numismatic Association and wrote numerous articles for *The Numismatist* in the 1920s and 1930s. In his recollections, Rimsa remarked:

> A. Rackus was the first collector with such a strong passion that I had met and knew. Of course, he had set his heart on my medals. They were items which, it was said, could be shown anywhere in the world. And Dr. Rackus took my medals to coin shows everywhere in the world. They were discussed quite often in American numismatic conventions. And it was worthwhile . . . My medals apparently attracted the notice of Americans. Rackus wrote, "Visitors to numismatic shows, passing indifferently by other exhibits, would always stop at those cases in which were displayed Petras Rimsa medals, and enjoying themselves, would remain by the half-hour." Even American sculptors eyed them approvingly. As an example, the sculptor-medalist J. Henris Ripstra wrote me on April 18, 1931, as follows: "I recently viewed your medal collection, exhibited by Dr. Al. Rackus at the Chicago Coin Club. They pleased me very much, and I congratulate you upon your style and technique. If possible, I would like to acquire a collection of those medals." And thus my medals found their way into the world.[2]

After World War II, Rimsa chose to stay in Soviet-occupied Lithuania, where the communists gave him a large studio to replace his cramped one in Kaunas. Rimsa continued to illustrate books, write and design medals. Unhappy with the Soviet system, he frequently refused work in his later years, officially blaming his



THE LITHUANIAN SCHOOL, *one of Rimsa's most famous works. This piece represents the secret teaching of the Lithuanian language in the home during the period when the Russian government had placed a ban on teaching and use of the language.*

"old age," as his personal letters to the West revealed. Rimsa died in Vilnius on October 2, 1961. His recollections were published in 1964, although communist authorities did not allow publication of data concerning many of Rimsa's Republic period medals. As a result, mintage figures are available for only a few of the pieces struck during this time.

Rimsa's pre-World War II medals were struck by Huguenin Freres & Company of Le Locle, Switzerland. This firm also manufactured Lithuanian military orders and decorations. Rimsa's medals were struck in bronze, in sizes of 100, 75, 60, 35 and 25 millimeters in diameter. Personal editions presented to close friends or dignitaries were often of silver or gold wash, and Huguenin Freres & Company also customarily presented Rimsa with a 150-gram gold striking of each of his designs.

Today in Soviet-occupied Lithuania, inside the "Stained Glass Museum" (formerly the church of Saint Michael the Archangel) in Kaunas, Rimsa's works are exhibited on public display. The following catalog is a complete listing and description of all the known medals of the Lithuanian medalist, Petras Rimsa.

1. VILNIUS, CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

This medal commemorates the 600th anniversary of the founding of the Lithuanian capital city of Vilnius. The anniversary occurred in 1923 when the city was under Polish occupation.

1. VILNIUS, CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA.

Known Mintages: 35-centimeter medal—private issue, only a few struck; 75-millimeter medal—300 struck; 20 100mm personal specimens cast in bronze.

Obverse: Featured is Grand Duke Gediminas, dressed in chain mail and holding a downward pointing sword in his right hand. On his left shoulder is a decorative mask of a lion's head, symbolic of Gediminas' reputation as the "Lithuanian Lion." Gediminas began the dynasty of Lithuanian rulers that lasted almost 300 years. Ruling from 1316 to 1341, Gediminas completed the unification of the Lithuanian tribes and expanded the territory of the nation. The inscription reads GEDIMINAS DIDYSIS LIETUVOS KUNIGAIKSTIS MCCCXVI—MCCCXLI, which translates "Gediminas the Great, Grand Duke of Lithuania 1316-1341."

Reverse: Shown is Gediminas' castle, the ruins of which are still found in Vilnius today. The inscription reads VILNIUS LIETUVOS SOSTINE, meaning "Vilnius, Capital of Lithuania." At the bottom is *Vytis* (the knight), Lithuania's national emblem, and the anniversary dates , MCCCXXIII-MCMXXIII (1323-1923).

2. REGAINING KLAIPEDA

In 1252 the Livonian Order invaded western Lithuania, reached the Courish Lagoon and erected a stronghold on the site of a native Lithuanian village. Pope Innocent IV noted in 1253 that the stronghold had clearly been built in Lithuanian territory. Renamed "Memelburg," the city was a source of boundary conflicts between Lithuania and the Teutonic knights and other warring factions for many centuries. After World War I, the Klaipeda region was placed under Allied control and Lithuanians feared the city would be returned to the Germans or taken over by Poland. In January 1923, the Lithuanians staged an insurrection and successfully regained the city.

Known mintages: 10,000 specimens were struck in 1927, some 60 millimeters in diameter and the remainder 35 millimeters. In addition, two personal editions were issued.

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Obverse: Shown is a Lithuanian of the Klaipeda district (right) calling to arms a volunteer of independent Lithuania (left). The center depicts the defender of Lithuania receiving a sword from a patriotic woman, with the city in the background. Surrounding this is the inscription, KAS MUSU KOVA IGYSIM, which translates "that which is ours we shall fight to retain." In the left oval is the *Vytis* emblem, opposite is the coat-of-arms of the city. The bottom contains a sword pointed upward, with the words, I—9 KLAIPEDA 1923, referring to January 9, 1923, when the call for help went out. A wreath of oak leaves surrounds the design, and the emblem of the Lithuanian National Guard, the double-barred cross, appears above.

Reverse: Shown is Klaipeda after reunification. Major Lithuania (left) joins hands with Minor Lithuania (right), representing unity of the land and waters of Lithuania. In the center, the defender has returned, and is being bestowed with the laurel wreath of victory and honor. At the bottom is a downward pointing sword with the inscription I—19 KLAIPEDA 1923, signifying the day of the insurrection. Below are twigs from the Lithuanian national flower, the *ruta* (rue). In the left oval is a sailboat, symbolic of the recreation of the area; opposite is placed a rake and plow, symbolic of the industry and agriculture of the area. At the top of the medal is the Order of the Cross of Vytis, Lithuania's highest military order for honorable service at that time. The legend reads ISKOVOTA—MYLET MOKESIM, which means "that which we have regained, we will know how to cherish." Rimsa later issued another version of the medal with the inscription AMZIUS BUDEJE LAISVE LAIMEJOM, which translates "having waited for ages, we won freedom." Specimens with the alternate inscription also bear the date I—20 on the bottom, signifying the day victory was achieved. The obverse of the later version bears the inscription VADUOKIS PATS, IR BUSI LAISVAS, which means "save yourself, and you will be free."

3. CONGRESS OF VILNIUS

Following the Revolt of 1905 in the Russian Empire, Lithuanian nationalists, concerned with the question of autonomy for Lithuania, gathered in Vilnius on November 21-22, 1905. Headed by Jonas Basanavicius, the 2,000-member assembly resolved that the Czar was the enemy of Lithuania, that Lithuania should be autonomous, that Russian influences in Lithuania must be removed and that the Lithuanian language and culture should reign supreme in the country. Within a few weeks after the assembly

dispersed, Lithuanians held elections, ousting Russian officials. However, the Russian government soon enacted repressive measures against those who had been active in carrying out the resolutions. This medal commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Congress of Vilnius.

3. CONGRESS OF VILNIUS.

Obverse: The design focuses on the outline of the city of Vilnius, with the Hill of Gediminas in the background. The inscription reads, DIDYSIS VILNIAUS SEIMAS, which means "the great Congress of Vilnius." At the top is a phrase from the Lithuanian national anthem: IS PRAEITIES TAVE SUNUS TE STUORTBE SEMIA, which translates "may your sons draw strength from the past."

Reverse: At the top is the date 1925. Depicted is independent Lithuania standing before her throne, holding the national emblem *Vytis*. The chain of slavery is at her feet, and the lion at her side represents strength. Her left arm rests upon the shield with the double-barred cross, the emblem of the Lithuanian National Guard (*Lietuvos Sauliu Sajunga*), and bears its initials, L.S.S.

4. VILNIUS 1323/1920

The first of several anti-Polish medals issued in protest of the Polish occupation of Vilnius.

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Known Mintage: No subscribers to this medal are known. Rimsa states in his recollections that only a dozen or so were minted, all 100 millimeters in diameter. One specimen is on display in the Rackus collection in the Balzekas Museum in Chicago.

Obverse: The design focuses on the Lithuanian "Iron Wolf" (*Gelezinis Vilkas*), the legendary animal associated with the founding of the capital city. A close examination of the obverse reveals intricate details on the animal typical of Rimsa's styling. The lines on the medal all come to a point on the animal's right front leg where a dot signifies the center of the medal. According to tradition, Grand Duke Gediminas was hunting one day in the forests of Lithuania, and in a dream saw an iron wolf standing on a hillside howling as though it were possessed of a hundred wolves within itself. Upon awakening, Gediminas told of his dream to the pagan high priest Lizdeika, who interpreted the dream as follows:

> *The hill is the spot on which a large city will be built. The wolf signifies that the glory of this city will be heard throughout the world.*

The interpretation of this dream pleased Gediminas, and he built his castle on that hill, establishing the city of Vilnius.

The background of this medal features the immense castle of Gediminas. To the right of the wolf as part of the complex is the Hill of Gediminas. The scene depicted here is a reflection of Vilnius in all of its glory. Three birds soar majestically to the left of the wolf. A shining sun signifies the rising Lithuanian nation. The top inscription reads VILNIUS 1323. At the base of the castle are the words TAIP GEDIMINAS SAPNAVO in stylized lettering, meaning "this was Gediminas' dream." Surrounding the sides is an oak/acorn wreath, a symbol of strength and endurance. At the bottom is the Lithuanian national emblem *Vytis*, with rays protruding outward, and at the ten o'clock position appears the signature of Rimsa. Fine-textured dots appear in the background.

Reverse: In contrast with the obverse, the scene depicts Vilnius in 1920 after it was seized by Poland. At the base of the castle ruins is inscribed TAIP GEDIMINAS NESAPNAVO, which means "this was not Gediminas' dream." The center is dominated by a large pig furiously devouring the Lithuanian flag. The collar of the pig is adorned with Polish military symbols. The pig is wearing a military-style hat, representing the treaty violation and method used to seize the city. To the left, instead of three birds, hover three bats, signifying the evilness of the pig's presence. The legend reads VILNIUS 1920. The sun has been replaced by a dark moon, and the design is surrounded by a wreath of thistles and thorns. At the bottom is the coat-of-arms of Vilnius.

5. UNITY AND WAR

This Unity and War (*Unija ir Kova*) medal resurrects the national conflict between the Lithuanians and Poles that has existed for centuries.

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Obverse: Depicted is the Lithuanian 3-grasis (grosz) coin of 1565, minted during the reign of Grand Duke Sigismund August. This coin was an international embarrassment to the Poles, and a strong expression of Lithuanian autonomy. On this coin, in Latin, is the biting sentence from the Psalm of David: QUI HABITAT IN COELIS IRRIDEBIT EOS (Psalm 2:4), which means "He who sits in the heavens laughs at them." This passage was purposely included on the coin as a response to Polish clamoring about Lithuanian coins having twenty percent more intrinsic value than their Polish counterparts, and because of Polish protests over placing Lithuanian symbols and inscriptions in prominent positions on coins minted in Vilnius, at the expense of Polish symbols. Jonas K. Karys, director of the Lithuanian Mint from 1936-1939 wrote: "So the leadership of the Mint and emminent Lithuanians standing in back of it in Vilnius, on at least one occasion gave the Poles what was coming to them."[3] The coin depicted on this medal bears the Gumowski number G-623 and was minted in 1565 and 1566.

The image of the coin appears in the center of the medal. At the top of the medal is a favorite Polish proverb WOLNI Z WOLNYMI; ROWNI Z ROWNYMI, which translates "the free with the free, equals with equals." This phrase was used by the Poles as a pretext to subjugating the Lithuanian nation throughout the centuries. Accordingly, the phrase is separated by a mask, signifying the hypocrisy of the Polish words. At the bottom is shown a dog and cat, which represent the incompatibility of the union. The word UNIJA appears at the very bottom on the edge. To the left in an oval space is found the Polish eagle; opposite is the Lithuanian emblem, *Vytis*.

Reverse: Entitled KOVA (war) on the bottom rim, this scene depicts *Vytis* in combat with the Polish eagle. It is the prophecy of the minters of 1565 fulfilled. The dog and cat, represented only by heads on the side rims, are far apart. The incompatibility reflects the fact that the Poles and Lithuanians are in no way ethnically related, since the Poles are Slavic and Lithuanians are of the Baltic race of people. Rimsa's signature appears at the three o'clock position, and the date 1925 appears at the two o'clock position.

6. UNION DESIRED

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Known Mintage: Only 12 specimens are estimated to have been struck, all 100 millimeters in diameter.

Obverse: Entitled UNIJOS NORI (Union Desired), this extremely grotesque theme represents a naked and prostitute Poland offering herself forcibly to a fleeing Lithuanian male in national costume. Rimsa's signature and the date 1925 are located at the two o'clock position. This same scene was also circulated on postcards produced by Rimsa.

Reverse: Depicted is the Union rejected, with Poland exterminating all that is Lithuanian in Vilnius. In 1925, the Polish occupational regime began an assault on Lithuanian school children for their outspoken nationalism. As a protest, Rimsa graphically portrayed the same deranged Polish figure devouring innocent Lithuanian school children in front of the famous Cathedral of Vilnius. The children are shown fleeing from the Polish terror. The legend reads NUO MARO BADO UGINIES IR NUO LENKU UNIJOS ISGELBEK MUS VIESPATIE, which translates "from pestilence, famine, fire, and union with Poland, Deliver us O Lord!"

7. LET US LIBERATE VILNIUS

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Obverse: *Vytis* is shown in violent combat, spearing the Polish dragon, with the H of Gediminas in the background. The top inscription is separated by the Columns of Gediminas emblem, and reads UZ RYTOJU—UZ TEVU KAPUS! which translates "for the future—for the graves of our ancestors!"

Reverse: Portrayed is the monument *Three Crosses*, which stood on the high Bare Mountain on the steep right bank of the Vilnia River. This monument was erected in the early 17th century and remained a permanent feature of the cityscape until 1869, when it was destroyed. After World War I, artist Anton Wiwulski designed a new monument that was painted in white. This monument was blown up by the communists in 1950.

The legend VADUOKIME VILNIU, which translates "let us liberate Vilnius," appears at the top, with Vilnius in the background. Below is maiden Lithuania, who is chained to the monument amidst a bed of *ruta*, a symbol of virginity. She is awaiting *Vytis* to save her from Poland. At the five o'clock position appears Rimsa's signature and the date 1926.

8. FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF LITHUANIA

During the era of the Republic of Lithuania, not all the Lithuanian-inhabited areas included in the legal boundaries of the country were secured for the Republic, primarily because of the large areas occupied by Poland. Roman Catholic Lithuanians sought to prevent the Holy See in Rome from recognizing Polish military conquests, but were unsuccessful. The archdiocese of Vilnius was transferred to Poland, and the Poles forced Lithuanian Bishop Jurgis Matulaitis to resign. In order to appease the Lithuanian church, Pope Pius XI raised Matulaitis to the office of titular archbishop and named him apostolic visitator to Lithuania, with the Metropolitan See located in the temporary capital of Kaunas. The ecclesiastical province of Lithuania received an official blessing from Pope Pius XI on April 26, 1926. Rimsa's medal was issued in commemoration of the first ecclesiastical province of Lithuania.

Lithuania first became a Christian nation in 1251 when Lithuania's Mindaugas entered into relations with the Holy See, and Pope Innocent IV established the diocese of Lithuania. In 1252 Mindaugas was crowned King of Lithuania, in the name of Pope Innocent IV, who declared him to be a "special son of the Holy Roman Church."

8. FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF LITHUANIA.

Obverse: In the center of the medal are the images of Pope Innocent IV (left) and Pope Pius XI (right) who founded respectively, the first Bishopric and the first Metropolitan See in Lithuania. In the background is the Bascilica of St. Peter in Rome, and at the top the personal insignia of Pope Pius XI.

Reverse: Featured is the image of Bishop Kristijonas (Christian) (left), the first Lithuanian bishop, who received his appointment from Pope Innocent IV on July 17, 1251. Prior to his appointment Kristijonas was a priest of the Teutonic Order under the German archbishop of Riga. Kristijonas established his See in the pagan Samogition region of Lithuania, but only remained until 1259 when he left for Germany and ended his days in 1270 as a suffragan bishop of Mainz.

On the right is the image of Archibishop Juozapas Skvireckas (1873-1959), the first Archibishop of Lithuania. Skvireckas was a well-known scholar and theologian who translated the Bible into the Lithuanian language. He governed the Kaunas archdiocese for almost the entire period of Lithuanian independence. He fled Soviet-occupied Lithuania in 1944 and went to a convent in the Austrian Alps, where he lived until his death. The arms of Bishop Juozapas disappear at the top of the medal.The inscrption reads, IS PRIESU RANKU ISSILIUSAVE DRASIAU TARNAUSIME JAM, which translates "having liberated ourselves from the enemy's hands, we shall serve with more courage." The names of the two men appear around the perimeter of the medal.

9. IN HONOR OF VLADAS PUTVYS-PUTVINSKIS

This medal was issued in honor of the founder of the Lithuanian National Guard (Lietuvos Sauliu Sajunga), Vladas Gerardas Putvinskis-Putvys (1873-1959). Putvys was descended from an old Lithuanian noble family, and his estates became important centers for secret Lithuanian activities in the late 19th century. He founded the National Guard in 1919 and was elected its first president and commander-in-chief.

9. IN HONOR OF VLADAS PUTVYS-PUTVINSKIS.

Obverse: Shown is the image of the late organizer. In the background is depicted the ceremony of the presentation of the colors. The legend reads VLADAS PUTVYS-PUTVINSKIS 1873-1929, LIETUVOS SAULIU SAJUNGOS I KUREJAS, which translates "Vladas Putvys-Putvinskis 1873-1929, founder of the Lithuanian National Guard." A smaller inscription in the center circular area translates, "thou hast raised the forgotten shield of Kestutis and presented it to the Lithuanian National Guard." Rimsa's signature appears at the seven o'clock position under Putvys' right shoulder.

Reverse: At the top is the *Vytis* emblem, opposite which are the Columns of Gediminas. In the center is the insignia of the National Guard, which was designed by Rimsa. The inscription reads IR SIRDI IR PROTA TEVYNES RYTOJUI, which translates "both heart and mind for the nation's future."

10. VYTAUTAS THE GREAT

Lithuania's greatest patriarch, Vytautas the Great, reigned as Grand Duke of Lithuania from 1392 to 1430. Vytautas expanded Lithuanian territory and made it one of the leading European powers of his day. He led the Lithuanian army and allies to a spectacular victory over the Teutonic Knights at the epoch-making Battle of Tannenberg in 1410. This event stopped the advance of the Knights, assuring independence for Lithuania and other eastern European nations. The Polish army participated in the battle; their army was located nearby at Grunwald.

The Vytautas the Great medal is Rimsa's most well-known. Struck in many sizes (the original was 35 millimeters), this medal has the largest mintage of all Rimsa's medals: 17,000 total. The obverse design became the emblem for the many celebrations held in 1930 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the patriarch's death. During Rimsa's 1936-1937 tour of the United States, he presented a specimen of the Vytautas medal to the American Numismatic Association.

Obverse: Shown is the image of Vytautas the Great. The legend reads VITAUTAS DIDYSIS 1430-1930, which translates "Vytautas the Great 1430-1930." In the background

is depicted the Battle of Tannenberg, similar to that which is found on Polish artist Jan Matejko's famous rendition of the battle painted in 1878.

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Reverse: Featured on the reverse is a map of Lithuania in the time of Vytautas. During the 15th century Lithuania stretched from the Baltic to the Black Seas, covering 350,000 square miles. Names of the cities are in Lithuanian. At the bottom appears the "Vytautas Symbol," a popular emblem in 1930 based upon ancient denars struck during Vytautas' reign. The legend reads VYTAUTAS DIDZIO LAIKU LIETUVA, which means "Lithuania in the time of Vytautas the Great."

11. NATIONAL GUARD STAR MEDAL

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The National Guard Star Medal was issued in 1939 as a decoration for the Lithuanian National Guard. Each medal was presented with a blue/green ribbon with two white stripes. Accompanying each medal was a presentation certificate that included a likeness of the medal. Presented to Dr. Alexander M. Rackus, the certificate pictured here translates:

> Republic of Lithuania, National Guard Star Medal. By the act of the Minister of Defense and in the name of the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Dr. Alexander Rackus is awarded the National Guard Star Medal. Established in 1939 on the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the National Guard. Signed, Brig. General S. Rastikis, Commander-in-Chief of the Army; Signed, Colonel Saladzious, Chief of the National Guard Association. Kaunas, 1939, June 24, No. 8367.

Obverse: The emblem of the National Guard, designed by Rimsa, is featured. At the top is depicted a miniature National Guard Star, the main order of the National Guard. A wreath of oak leaves surrounds the sides, with Rimsa's "Wise Owl" emblem perched atop an open book.

Reverse: The dates 1919-1939 appear at the top with a farm scene below. The text reads, DIRBK IR BUDEK LIETUVOS GARBEI, which means "watch and work for Lithuania's glory."

12. WAR AND PEACE

This is the first of Rimsa's post-World War II medals, designed with the approval of the communist occupational regime in Lithuania. Struck in bronze, this medal measures 34.5 millimeters in diameter.

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Obverse: Entitled BELLUM (war), this medal shows an intense conflict. The loops of Rimsa's design contain scenes from major European cities. Bayonets point upward, and a broken swastika appears at the one o'clock position under which is a dead German eagle. In the center a ghost emerges, symbolizing man, the initiator of wars. The lower cartouche bears the inscription MARS OMNIA DEVORAT, which translates "war destroys everything."

Reverse: Entitled PAX (peace), the dove of peace appears, observing the nation at work in harmony, with a girl trumpeting the victory flag above. Rays of the sun shine brightly in the background. The bottom inscription reads LABOR OMNIA CREAT, which means "labor creates everything."

13. IN HONOR OF JUOZAS GRUODIS

This medal was struck in bronze in 1945, is 23.5 millimeters in diameter, and honors the then-living Lithuanian composer, Juozas Gruodis. Born in Rakenai on December 20, 1884, Gruodis studied musical composition in Moscow from 1914 to 1916, and in Leipzig from 1920 to 1924. Upon his return from Germany, he became director and professor of composition at the Kaunas School of Music until his death in 1948.

13. IN HONOR OF JUOZAS GRUODIS.

Obverse: Featured is the image of Gruodis, with musical and operatic symbols in the background. Included above Gruodis' left shoulder is Rimsa's "Wise Owl" emblem. The legend reads OPERA INGENIUM DEMONSTRANT, which translates "his works show ingenuity." Rimsa's signature appears in the upper left with the date 1945 opposite. JUOZAS GRUODIS appears under the bust.

Reverse: Shown are several titled scoresheets of Gruodis' works.

14. FIRST BOOK IN THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE

Struck in bronze, this 35-millimeter medal commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first Lithuanian language book. The design reflects the communist ideology of post-World War II Lithuania, yet shows Rimsa's determination for artistic freedom.

14. FIRST BOOK IN THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE.

Obverse: The design depicts the first Lithuanian language book: a Protestant catechism by Lutheran priest and author Martynas Mazvydas. Apparently the communists permitted Rimsa to reproduce the catechism on his medal for historic documentation and overlooked the religious implications. In the center is the title page of the book, CATECHISMUSA PRASTY SZADEI. This book was originally printed by the Hans Weinreich Press in Koenigsberg, East Prussia (Lithuania Minor), in 1547. The appearance of the book was closely associated with the reform movement. Mazvydas was a well-educated man, and a student at the University of Koenisberg. He encouraged Lithuanians to read and write in their own language. A small bust of Mazvydas appears at the top of the medal. A Lutheran pastor in Ragaine (German: *Ragnit*, Russian: *Neman*), Mazvydas was raised to the rank of archdeacon in 1554. He died in 1563.

In the background are Lithuanians sitting near a fenced area. The date 1546 appears at the bottom. The Gothic inscription is taken from the first page of the introduction of the catechism, which has become known as the first Lithuanian poem. The famous lines read BRALEI SESERIS IMKIET MANI IR SKAITKIET IR TATAI SKAITIDAMI PERMANIKIET. In modern Lithuanian this reads *Broliai, seserys, imkit mane ir skaitykit*, which translates "brothers, sisters, take me and read."

Reverse: With the University of Vilnius in the background (old observatory building), a professor is shown teaching on a podium with a book below. He is raising his right hand, surrounded by gigantic books, all with corresponding symbols. Represented (left to right) are law, astronomy, architecture, medicine, and technology. Noticeably absent is religion. Displaying the communist hammer and sickle emblem, the podium's legend reads KURIAME KULTURA TAUTINE FORMA SOCIALISTINE TURINU, which translates "we are creating our country according to the socialistic system." At the bottom appears the date 1947. Rimsa's signature appears on the right. The inscription is most unusual, considering the communist occupation, for it reads from the third verse of the Lithuanian national anthem: TEGU SAULE LIETUVOS TAMSUMUS PRASALINA IR SVIESA IR TIESA MUS ZINGSNIUS TELYDI, which means "may the sun of Lithuania banish all darkness, may light and truth guide our steps."

15. ADOMAS MICKEVICIUS-RIMVYDAS

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This 40-millimeter bronze medal honors the poet Adam Bernard Mickevicius. The medal was begun in 1948 on the 150th anniversary of the poet's birthday, but was not completed until 1959. Mickevicius was descended from the Lithuanian gentry family Rimvydas. Born in Zaosie on December 25, 1798, Mickevicius received his education at the University of Vilnius. A poet of the traditional classical style, one of his most

famous works is a drama entitled *Dziady*, or "Fore-father's Eve," which dealt with the customs of the peasants and their suffering under serfdom. This class struggle theme was encouraged by the communists when they occupied Lithuania in 1940.

Mickevicius expressed his deep longing for Lithuania through his writings.[4] He grew up in an ancient Lithuanian city, studied in Vilnius, taught in the heart of the country, considered himself a descendant of the Rimvydas family, counted himself a Lithuanian, and called Lithuania the land of his fathers. Unfortunately, outside of Lithuania Mickevicius was erroneously known as a Polish patriot and writer. He died September 26, 1855, in Constantinople.

Obverse: Featured is a bust of Mickevicius with the Cathedral of Vilnius, and the Hill/Tower of Gediminas in the background. This obverse was sculpted by Rimsa in 1948, before the communists removed the statues of St. Stanislaus, St. Helen with the Cross, and Lithuanian Patron Saint Casimir from atop the structure. The legend reads ADOMAS MICKEVICIUS—RIMVYDAS, with the dates 1798-1855 at the bottom. The Vilnius area was familiar to Mickevicius, who, although he is recognized internationally as Polish, spent little of his life in Poland itself. In front of the cathedral stands a Lithuanian girl, clothed in national costume.

Reverse: Contained are the lines of the poem *Pan Tadeusz*, which begins, "Oh, Lithuania, my Fatherland! Thou art like unto health; He only knows thy worth who loses thee." The city of Kaunas appears in the background, with the Nemunas River flowing by an embankment; the poet sits looking at the city.

16. WE ARE FOR PEACE

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Obverse: Struck in bronze, this 28-millimeter medal depicts a male and female in native garb with the Lithuanian flag raised, and symbols of industry, architecture, music and art in the background. The title states MES UZ TAIKA, which translates "we are for peace." In a small oval at the bottom is the phrase I SVIRSA ATEITI, meaning "into a bright future." In the top circle appears the communist hammer and sickle emblem. The legend reads LIETUVOS TARYBU SOCIALISTINE RESPUBLIKA, which translates "Lithuanian Soviet Socialistic Republic."

Reverse: Shown is a glorified map of post-World War II Lithuania, containing the names of the country's major cities: Klaipeda, Siauliai, Panevezys, Kaunas and Vilnius. Because of the suspicious-looking nature of the map, whose boundaries bulge outward too far in places, the reverse of this medal is never pictured in leaflets or books about Rimsa printed in occupied Lithuania. The date 1949 appears at the bottom. The obverse legend is repeated on this side.

17. KRISTIJONAS DONELAITIS

Struck in bronze, this 36-millimeter medal honors the 175th anniversary of the death of the classical poet, Kristijonas Donelaitis, the first Lithuanian poet to be translated and recognized in histories of European literature. Born January 1, 1714, in Lazdyneliai, Donelaitis studied at the University of Koenigsberg. He was appointed pastor in Tolminkiemis, and in his spare time composed verses in Lithuanian. His most famous work, *The Seasons*, followed the literacy tendency of the day by portraying the natural setting of the village and its inhabitants rather than cities and/or aristocrats. Donelaitis died on February 18, 1780, in Tolminkiemis, which is now 15 kilometers southwest of the present Lithuanian border. After World War II, the Russians changed the name of the town to Chystye Prudy, and destroyed Donelaitis' church. Under its ruins were found Donelaitis' remains. Based upon skull structure, the appearance of the poet has been reconstructed, as Rimsa's rendering depicts.

17. KRISTIJONAS DONELAITIS.

Obverse: Shown is Donelaitis holding a quill pen, with a library shelf behind him. The inscription reads KRISTIJONAS DONELAITIS 1714-1780. The date 1955 appears at the bottom.

Reverse: Depicted is a manuscript of Donelaitis' most famous work, *The Seasons*. Consisting of four parts, the medal shows the joys of spring, summer toils, autumn wealth and winter cares. Rimsa features the various seasonal peasant activities aside the manuscript. The poem reveals the class structure that existed during the 18th century.

18. SELF PORTRAIT

A most unusual work and Rimsa's last medal, this piece was created in the last decade of the sculptor's life. The obverse was begun in 1950, as Rimsa approached his 70th birthday. The reverse was completed in 1959. Plaster models, 61 millimeters in diameter, are known to exist, plus one large bronze personal edition.

Obverse: The aged sculptor is shown facing forward. The legend reads KUREJA PAZINSITE NE IS VEIDO O IS JO KURYBOS, which translates "the creator will be recognized not by his face, but by his works." Two versions of the obverse are known. One depicts the artist wearing his favorite wide-brimmed hat, obtained in London in 1924. The other version features a bald-headed portrait of the sculptor.

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Reverse: Shown is an exhibition of Rimsa's works, centering around *The Lithuanian School* and *The Ploughman*. The walls are filled with medals and plaster models. The legend reads PRADEJAU KURTI LIETUVIU TAUTAI BUNDIANT, which means "I started to work at the time of the awakening of the Lithuanian nation." At the bottom in an oval cartouche are the words REGIU SVIESIA ATEITI, which translate "I am seeing a bright future."

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ANCIENT COIN DIES
Engraved or Cast?

By JOHN R. ROHNER

OUR KNOWLEDGE of ancient technology is, at best, speculative. Even the historically "recent" work of the Incan, Mayan and Aztec civilizations is not fully understood. Too often our interpretations are limited by what we know in the light of modern technology, which may not be as sophisticated as we would like to believe.

In the past, most ancient Greek and Roman coins were believed to have been struck from *engraved* dies. However, an analysis of several interesting facts suggests that many of these ancient dies may have actually been cast. For example, to produce engraved dies from bronze or iron, ancient craftsmen would have required tools made of hardened steel, which was not developed in the Mediterranean region until centuries later.[1,2] The high relief of Greek and Roman coins also strongly suggests that the dies were originally modeled in clay. Coins from engraved dies, including those of modern times, display little relief. Careful examination of the letter E on an Athenian tetradrachm (6-4 B.C.) reveals a striking similarity to the effect acquired when clay is rolled into thin strands and pressed down. If the letter had been engraved, its vertical and horizontal elements would appear as a unit rather than separate pieces.

BECAUSE THE GREEKS and Romans were masters in the production and use of ceramics and bronze, they may have employed a metal-working technique similar to modern ceramic-shell casting. Using their expertise, the Greeks and Romans could have used the following technique in making dies:

One side of a coin was modeled in fine clay and fired in a kiln. A wall of clay or metal was placed around the ceramic model, forming a mold into which molten bronze was poured. The ceramic material, unlike present-day plaster used in investment casting, permitted the gases emitted from the molten metal to escape, thus rendering a smooth, finely-detailed cast free of bubbles. The ceramic model was chipped from the resulting bronze cast, leaving no trace. A reverse die was made by the same process. After the bronze die was cast and polished, it became the type or master from which all ceramic molds were produced for the purpose of making minting dies.

The E on an Athenian tetradrachm illustrates how a clay model might have been used to make a mold for casting dies.

The fact that clay shrinks when fired also contributes to the theory that ceramic models were employed in the production of ancient dies. The coin may have been modeled larger than necessary, fired (causing shrinkage), then pressed into moist clay to form a negative image, which in turn was also fired (causing further shrinkage). Into this negative image was pressed more clay to form a smaller positive model that shrank still more when it was fired. This process was repeated until

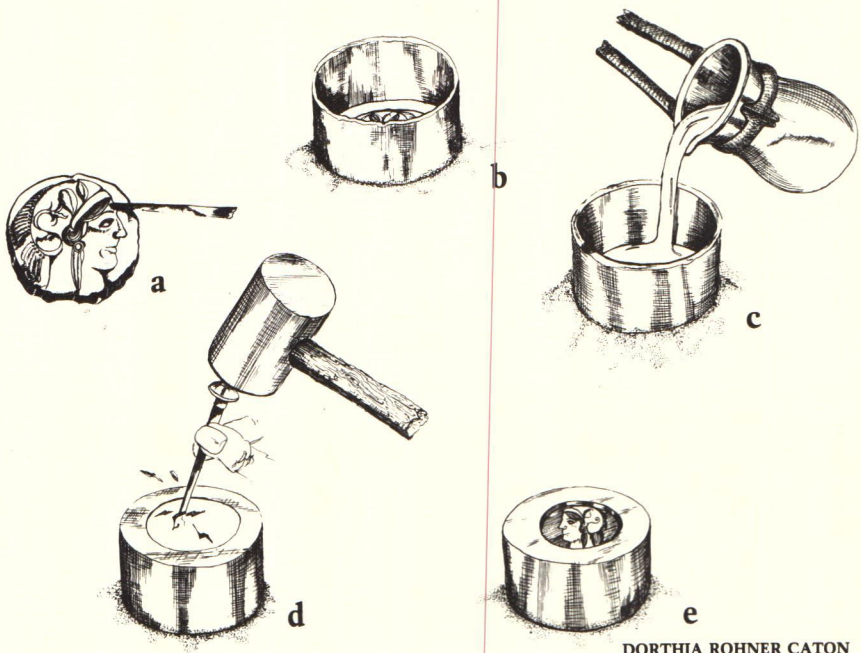
A Syracusan decadrachm (405-380 B.C.) displays amazing detail. Cast copy of a British Museum electrotype in the collection of the University of Colorado Museum.

the desired size of die mold was obtained. Because the model was constructed on a larger scale, more intricate detail could have been possible, a theory that may be illustrated by the delicately-crafted racing chariot depicted on a Syracusan decadrachm (405-380 B.C.).

Minting dies made from ceramic casts created from the master die were slightly smaller than the master itself because the ceramic cast inevitably shrank during firing, but all minting dies produced from the mold were identical. Indeed, if this hypothesis is true, bronze master dies slightly larger than the actual coins should exist.

CLAY MOLDS have been discovered in Egypt that some historians believe were used for casting counterfeits of Roman coins.[3] However, because these clay forms do not possess enough height and are not the proper size to produce coins with a defined relief, perhaps they are actually examples of negative ceramic impressions used in the technique described above.

The tight security attributed to the operation of ancient mints[4-8] suggests that the ceramic molds used to create the dies were made only as needed.



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Artist's concept of how bronze dies might have been cast: (a) a clay model of one side of a coin is fashioned and fired; (b) a ring of clay or metal is placed around the ceramic model; (c) molten bronze is poured over the model; (d) the ceramic model is chipped from the mold; (e) completed bronze die.

Ceramic model (left) made by the author, from which a bronze die (right) was cast.

Once the bronze die was made, the ceramic mold was chipped away, leaving no remains that might be used to make unauthorized dies.

Perhaps the strongest reason for believing the dies were cast is that this technique would have permitted quick and easy die production. Ceramic-quality clay was abundant in Greece, and thus inexpensive and readily available. Labor, like material, was also cheap. The process was time-consuming, but not nearly as involved as engraving.

Although early Greek dies are assumed to have been engraved, the evidence presented here suggests that dies may have been produced by pouring molten bronze over a clay model. In addition to providing a simple and reasonably efficient way of producing dies, the use of this method may explain the fine detail achieved in many ancient coins and might also account for the diminishing size of some coins in a given series.[9]

Ancient clay mold thought to be used for casting counterfeit Roman coins. The author believes it is actually a negative image of a ceramic model used to cast bronze dies.

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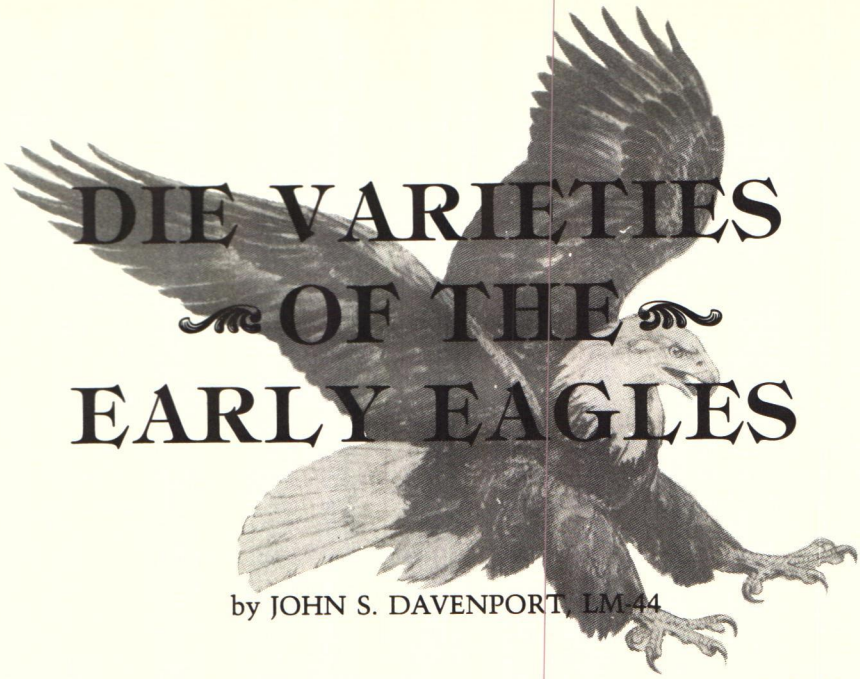

DIE VARIETIES OF THE EARLY EAGLES

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Although the formation of the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the coinage of precious metals were authorized by Act of Congress, April 2, 1792, the facility did not begin minting large-size $10 gold Eagles until 1795. The large Eagles are divided into two distinct coin types: Capped Bust to Right—Small Eagle (1795-1797) and Capped Bust to Right—Heraldic Eagle (1797-1804), each of which measures 33mm in diameter, weighs 17.4957 grams (270 grains), and is struck with reeded edges in .9167 fine gold. The coin bears no denomination and, because all pieces were struck at the Philadelphia Mint, is without a mintmark.

Mintage of the Eagle was preceded by the half Eagle, a lesser denomination gold coin whose time in circulation was marked by more frequent usage. The infrequency with which the Eagle was used eventually led to termination of its production in 1804. The Congressional Act of February 9, 1793, designated which foreign gold and silver coins remained legal tender in the United States. (Similar acts passed in the 1800s continued to specify the legal tender status of foreign gold and silver coins.) The only foreign coins that shared equity with the Eagle were the French double Louis and the British double guinea and double sovereign of 1823. The half Eagle, on the other hand, was close in value to many of the circulating foreign gold coins and because of this equity, merchants transacted more often with the half Eagle or foreign gold denominations than with the larger Eagle.

Circulation of the large Eagle was further reduced when merchants and financiers realized that the bullion value of the Eagle exceeded its face value. The coin proved most valuable when it was melted or exported, practices that were tolerated because of the limitations of Section 19 of the Act of April 2, 1792. This provision specifically prohibited debasement of coinage by Mint employees; the general public's melting or exportation of gold coins as bullion—which even then must have been considered debasement—was not deemed illegal by the letter of the law because the general public was never specifically referred to or defined in Section 19. The penalty for debasement of coinage by the general public was later defined in Section 3 of the Act of April 21, 1806.

In studying die varieties of early Eagles, knowledge of the Mint's history, as it pertains to production of the dies, is a valu-

able tool in assessing the impact of each engraver's work. Both the Articles of Confederation (1778) and the Constitution of the United States (1789) provided the framework for a national mint and coinage. The Act of April 2, 1792, however, finally defined and established the United States Mint in Philadelphia and designated Mint officers, including the position of engraver. The coinage of precious metals and the denominations of such, including the Eagle as the $10 gold coin, was provided for in Section 9 of the Act; Section 10 designated the devices to be used on the coinage. The obverse was to bear "an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word LIBERTY, and the year of the coinage," and the reverse was to bear "the figure or representation of an eagle, with this inscription, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. . ." No provision was made for designating the denomination on precious metal coins.

Sought as the Mint's first permanent engraver was Jean Pierre Droz, an experienced engraver and coiner from France, who was then working in England. Droz appears to have intended to accept the invitation for employment in the United States, as he ordered two coining presses that were delivered to the Mint in September 1792, and requested in 1791 that he be allowed to engrave some diplomatic dies while still in England. Because the Act of 1792 had yet to be passed, this request was denied. The many delays in Droz' arrival forced President Washington to instruct Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson to inform Droz that if he did not depart for Philadelphia by July 1, 1793, the engraver who was then working at the Mint would be hired permanently. Evidently, Droz decided to forego the opportunity to work in the United States. Joseph Wright, the Mint employee to whom Washington had referred, was hired as the Mint's first permanent engraver.

In September 1793, before receiving his official appointment, Wright died of yellow fever. No records are available to indicate whether Wright was paid for his short-term services. However, his employment is confirmed by a November 23, 1793, letter from Thomas Jefferson to Robert Scot in which Scot was informed that he had been commissioned by President Washington to succeed Wright as chief engraver. Upon accepting his commission as engraver in 1793, Scot was faced with an engraving department that could not keep up with the high attrition rate of dies. In a failed attempt to rectify the situation, the Mint hired Frederick Riche early in 1794. Never officially confirmed as the Mint's first assistant engraver, Riche's poor work led to his quick dismissal after only 18 days of service. Later that year John Smith Gardner was hired as the Mint's first official assistant engraver.

In October 1795, Elias Boudinot was appointed the Mint's third director, an event that could possibly have led to the change in reverse design from the Small Eagle of 1795-1797 to the Heraldic Eagle of 1797-1804. Boudinot earned much of his reputation in 1782 as a member of the third committee selected by Congress to submit a design for the Great Seal of the United States. The heraldic eagle design submitted by Boudinot, Edward Rutledge and Arthur Middleton was adopted on June 20, 1782, as the Great Seal of the United States. Although it is not known what exactly prompted the change in the reverse of precious metal coinage, a correlation of the change with the adoption of Boudinot's Great Seal design is suspect. Because the Act of 1792 specified an eagle on the reverse, a natural choice for the new reverse design would have been Boudinot's heraldic eagle design of the Great Seal. However, the design was modified for better appearance on coinage, with the circle of clouds that appears on the Great Seal changed to an arc formation. The ribbon bearing the motto E PLURIBUS UNUM appears above the eagle on the Great Seal, whereas on coinage, the ribbon is draped across the eagle's wings.

In his book *Die Varieties of Early United States Coins*, Robert Hilt suggests Gardner engraved the early heraldic eagle dies for the reverse of the Eagle coinage. Hilt also suggests that Gardner was rehired from July 1 until August 26, 1796, following his resignation from the Mint staff in March 1796, and that during his second term at the Mint he produced the

reverses for the heraldic eagle dies that were used until Scot engraved replacements early in 1797. Although Mint payment vouchers support only the observation that Gardner resigned on March 31, 1796 (the last time his name is recorded as having been paid), Hilt's suggestions may have substance.

During the early years of mint operation, Congress continually pondered the practicality of the Mint, particularly because of its high operating cost, and threatened termination on two separate occasions. In his report to the congressional committee investigating Mint operations, Scot explained the cost and time-consuming work involved in die manufacture, resulting in the observation that production of a single die pair per denomination was not cost effective. If just one of the dies broke or became damaged in the press, coinage would have to shut down until a new die could be engraved and hardened. The solution to this situation was to manufacture replacement dies before they were needed. To lessen the effects of cost in the engraving department, however, dies were used until they were no longer capable of producing adequate coinage. Because dies used in the coining press did not deteriorate simultaneously, replacement obverse or reverse dies were muled with those surviving the press. This fact and an examination of mint delivery records indicate that a coin's date does not necessarily correspond with the year in which it was struck.

The manufacture and usage sequence of the early Eagle dies accounts for the 31 varieties of the issue. Much of the documentation about the varieties and their rarities is now somewhat outdated; however, as new varieties are discovered, new information is compiled and presented to the numismatic community for constructive criticism and differing opinion. Whereas previous works on this subject have indicated the considerable variance in the rarity and value of the 31 varieties, this effort attempts, by detailed photographs of some of the more obvious features, to aid collectors in the identification of each variety.

Illustrations enlarged 15 percent.

1795

The number of Eagles struck during the first year of issue is reported as 2,795 (September 22 - November 27, 1795). To this figure can be added 2,788 pieces struck between January and March 1796 from dies dated 1795. The Eagles struck from January to March 1796 also bear 15 stars, as the last engraving was completed before the admission of Tennessee to the Union necessitated the addition of a sixteenth star to subsequent obverses.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
39	September 22	1,097
40	September 24	200
45	October 10	387
48	October 24	200
51	November 27	911
	Total	2,795
Coinage interrupted because of Assayer's death, November 27.		
52	January 9, 1796	1,181
54	January 30	134
57	March 1	188
58	March 19	1,169
60	March 30	116
	Total	2,788
	Grand Total	5,583

Obverse 1: *L tilts up. Stars touch Y and each other.*

Reverse A: *Leaf touches U in UNITED.*

Obverse 2: *L almost horizontal. Y free from star; only thirteenth and fourteenth stars touch. The reverse is the same as Reverse A.*

Obverse 3: *Tenth star touches cap. 5 free from drapery.*

Reverse B: *Leaf is free from U in UNITED. A die defect is visible between OF and AMERICA.*

Obverse 4: *First star is small and deformed and is placed further away from second star.*

Reverse C: *Only nine leaves compose the branch as compared to thirteen on other reverses. A die defect is visible below the branch.*

Possible survivors 160; auction appearances 171. The varieties of the 1795 Eagles include 1A, 2A, 3B, 4B and 4C.

1796

Mintage for calendar year 1796 is listed as 6,934, including those of January through March 1796, earlier cited as having been struck from dies dated 1795. Actual mintage of Eagles bearing the date 1796 is 4,146.

In comparison with 1795 issues, LIBERTY is further to the left. This change of location lends credence to suggestions that an 8 + 8 star design was prepared in the event Tennessee was admitted to the Union.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
64	June 2	2,332
66	June 21	960
79	December 22	854
	Total	4,146

75 possible survivors; 75 auction appearances. The only variety of 1796 shows stars arranged 8 + 8.

1797

Two mintage figures are reported for Eagles of 1797. In some cases the mintage figure totals 8,323 and in others the total is 9,177. Actually, the figure should be much larger than reported. The coins in the four deliveries of January 1798 were struck from dies dated 1797.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
85	March 25	5
86	April 5	831
87	April 20	1,630
88	May 2	1,149
91	June 7	1,907
93	June 29	2,801
	Total	8,323
	Yellow Fever Epidemic—Mint reopened in November 1797.	
102	January 11, 1798	1,648
104	January 20	1,097
105	January 23	1,464
106	January 30	2,023
	Total	6,232
	Grand Total	14,555

Obverse 1, Reverse A: *40 possible survivors; 44 auction appearances. The single variety of the small eagle reverse of 1797 has 16 stars arranged 12 + 4. A noticeable die break is seen below the sixteenth star.*

Obverse 2: *200 possible survivors; 138 auction appearances. Stars arranged 10 + 6. A die crack develops and grows through the second 7 into the drapery. The reverses are quite distinguishable by the arrangement of the stars.*

Reverse B

Reverse C

Reverse D

Minting figures revised because of the overlapping change of small to heraldic Eagles in 1797.

85-88	small Eagle	3,615
91-106	heraldic Eagle	10,940
	Total	14,555

1798

Mintage of Eagles during calendar year 1798 is reported as 7,974, but includes pieces dated 1797. Eagles dated 1798 total 1,742.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
109	February 17	900
110	February 28	842
	Total	1,742

These deliveries are possibly the coins dated 1798/7.

Obverse 1: *60 possible survivors; 64 auction appearances. Stars are arranged 9 + 4.*

Reverse A

Obverse 2: *25 possible survivors; 23 auction appearances. Stars are arranged 7 + 6.*

Both varieties of the 1798 are struck from altered 1797 dies. The serif of the obliterated 7 sometimes shows as a horn on the left of the upper loop of 8.

1799

Eagle coinage for calendar year 1799 is listed as 17,483, but 19,966 Eagles struck in 1800 from dies dated 1799 must be added to this figure, bringing the total to 37,449. Only the coins delivered in November 1800 are dated 1800. From this issue on, obverses show stars arranged 8 + 5, and obverses 1 through 4 show small stars.

WARRANT	DATE		COINAGE
136	May 14		7,582
138	June 1		143
147	December 17		5,950
148	December 20		3,790
149	December 28		18
		Total	17,483
156	April 16, 1800		1,700
157	April 21		464
160	May 23		2,537
161	May 24		2,021
162	May 26		339
163	May 29		471
164	June 7		60
165	June 12		6
168	June 30		939
169	July 1		3,010
170	July 8		833
171	July 15		2,343
172	July 26		2,247
174	September 4		2,996
		Total	19,966
		Grand Total	37,449

800 possible survivors; 273 auction appearances. The 1799 group is the most complicated of the series, with five obverses and seven reverses in various combinations (1A, 2A, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4D, 4E, 5F and 5G). The obverses can be classified into four small and one large star types. Other combinations of dies have been rumored as 2E, 4B and 4C.

Obverse 1: *A lock of Liberty's hair points between the two 9s of date. Thirteenth star is low and close to the drapery.*

Reverse A: *A berry is noticeable under the center of the second A in AMERICA. The leaves extend beyond the I toward the R in AMERICA.*

Obverse 2: *A lock of Liberty's hair is above the second 9 of the date. Thirteenth star is higher with one point directly toward the drapery.*

Reverse B: *First star is away from the cloud. Thirteenth star is high above the ribbon. A berry is under the right leg of the second A in AMERICA.*

Obverse 3: *Eighth star is farther from the cap. 1 of the date is almost touching the curl of Liberty's hair.*

Reverse C: *Two points of the first star are lost in the cloud. A spur is noticeable out of the top left of the shield. O in OF is centered between the clouds.*

Obverse 4: *1 of date is distant from the bust, whereas the second 9 is close.*

Reverse D: *Arrows in eagle's talon extend to the first leg of N in UNITED only.*

Reverse E: *Leaf in eagle's talon touches the I in AMERICA. Arrows in eagle's talon extend to second leg of N in UNITED.*

Obverse 5: *The stars are crowded together.*

Reverse F: *The berry is farther to the right of A in AMERICA.*

Reverse G: *The berry is over the left leg of A in AMERICA.*

1800

Mintage during 1800 is reported as 25,965 in 16 deliveries, yet only the last two deliveries contained coins dated 1800. The total of coins dated 1800 is 5,999.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
183	November 18	3,754
184	November 25	2,245
	Total	5,999

The first 14 deliveries, totaling 19,966, are listed under Eagles dated 1799.

110 possible survivors; 101 auction appearances. The only variety of 1800, this piece shows stars arranged 8 + 5 on the obverse. The reverse is the same as the 1799-G variety.

1801

Mintage during this year is reported as 29,254 in 16 deliveries. Because all Eagles struck during 1802 were made from 1801 dies, the 15,090 struck in 1802 have been added to this total. Eagles dated 1801 total 44,344, the largest coinage of Eagles in the early period.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
193	January 19	1,320
194	January 21	361
195	January 29	37
198	February 23	1,840
210	June 4	2,931
211	July 21	2,994
212	July 21	630

214	August 15	3,299
216	August 26	2,019
217	August 29	1,820
218	September 22	348
220	October 14	4,397
221	October 15	2,267
222	October 22	4,160
223	October 24	619
224	November 4	212
233	February 17, 1802	4,416
255	August 30	1,834
256	September 3	2,366
257	September 7	2,589
258	November 4	2,001
259	November 8	677
265	December 30	1,207
	Total	44,344

Separate dies for both obverses and reverses were used, although the reverse A is the same as the 1800 and 1799-G reverse. The two varieties of the 1801 represent both the rarest and perhaps the most common of all the early Eagles. 700 possible survivors; 101 auction appearances.

Obverse 1: *Eighth star is far away from the cap. The numbers in the date are close to one another. Two points of the first star point toward the curl of Liberty's hair. Only one point of the thirteenth star points toward the bust.*

Reverse A: *A space of 3 to 4mm occurs between the S in STATES and the O in OF. The E in STATES is centered between two clouds.*

Obverse 2: *Eighth star is close to the cap. The numbers comprising the date appear farther apart. Only one point of the first star is directed toward the curl in Liberty's hair and two points of the thirteenth star point toward the bust.*

Reverse B: *A space of 4 to 5mm occurs between the S in STATES and the O in OF. The E in STATES is not centered between the two clouds, but appears farther to the left.*

1803

The total for Eagles struck during 1803 is listed as 8,979. The number of 1804 Eagles struck from 1803 dies is unknown. In his book *United States Eagles*, Walter Breen suggests that possibly all of the first four deliveries of 1804 (6,038 pieces) were produced with the 1803 dies. If this assumption is correct, Eagles dated 1803 would total 15,017.

Eagles dated 1803 are comprised of a single obverse die muled with a large number of reverses. Earlier issues have small star obverses and later issues have large star obverses.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
281	August 19	4,816
286	November 19	4,163
	Total	8,979

If first four deliveries of 1804 are included as having 1803 dates, then the total of this issue becomes 15,017.

325 possible survivors; 145 auction appearances. All six varieties of the 1803 have the same obverse. The first four reverses have small stars and the last two reverses have large stars.

Reverse A: *A space of 4mm occurs between the S in STATES and the O in OF. A berry appears over the right foot of the second A in AMERICA.*

Reverse B: *A space of 3mm occurs between the S in STATES and the O in OF. The AME in AMERICA is joined.*

Reverse C: *Eagle's wing touches the D in UNITED.*

Reverse D: *The arrows in the eagle's talon extend to the I in UNITED.*

Reverse E: *The E in STATES is centered between two clouds. The arrows in the eagle's talon extend to the center of the N in UNITED.*

Reverse F: *The E in STATES is not centered between two clouds, but appears to the left. The leaf in the eagle's talon is close to the RI in AMERICA. The arrows in the eagle's talon extend beyond the N in UNITED, but not quite to the I.*

1804

Eagle coinage in 1804 is reported as 9,795, yet, as Breen suggests, possibly only the last two deliveries are dated 1803. The single obverse die was not put into use until the latter part of December 1804. Total mintage of 1804 Eagles is more closely estimated at 3,757.

WARRANT	DATE	COINAGE
308	June 1	1,401
325	November 20	1,882
326	November 29	1,218
327	December 11	1,537
328	December 28	2,515
329	December 31	1,242
	Total	9,795

If the first four deliveries are dated 1803, then the 6,038 Eagles of the first four deliveries must be subtracted from this chart, leaving a total of 3,757.

70 possible survivors; 64 auction appearances. The single variety of the 1804 has the same reverse as the 1803-F.

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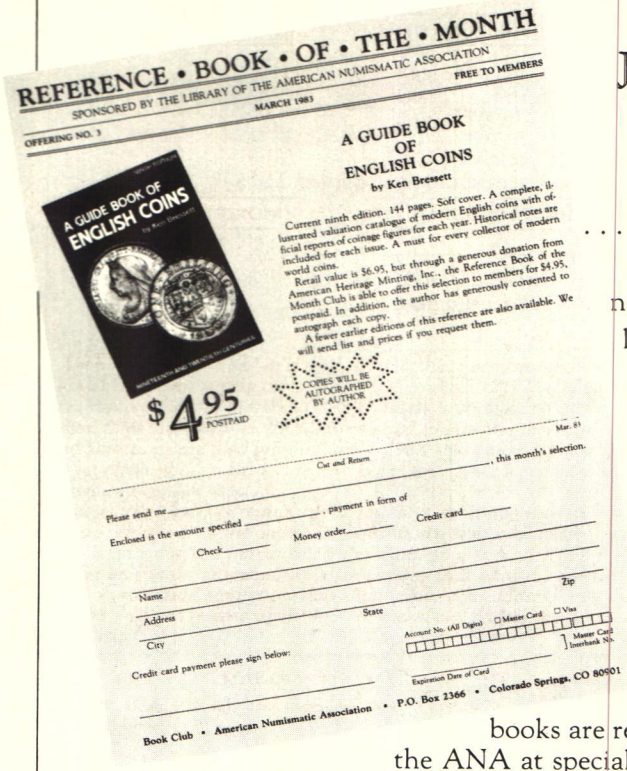
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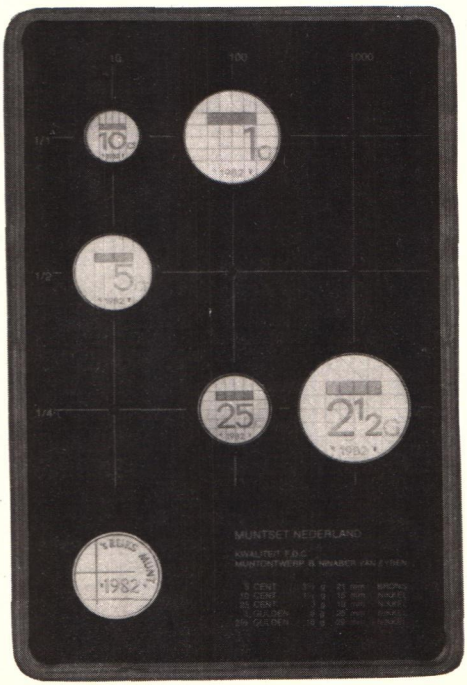
THE NETHERLANDS

1982 Mint Set Available

January 15, 1982, marked the opening of a new chapter in Dutch numismatic history with Queen Beatrix' striking of the first 1982 guilder. An announcement on January 26, 1983, officially launched the mail ordering period for the 1982 Dutch Mint set, which contains the first coinage of Queen Beatrix and represents a departure from traditional Dutch coinage design.

The common obverse features a portrait of Queen Beatrix. The reverse bears a sequence of designs emphasizing the role of coins as legal tender in an industrialized nation. Each set contains the newly designed circulating coins of the Netherlands—the 5-, 10- and 25-cent pieces, and 1- and 2½-guilder specimens. The Uncirculated coin set is mounted in a holder and enclosed in a plastic case for display. The 1982 Dutch Mint set retails for US$12 and may be ordered from the Dutch Mint, Dept. PPR 6000, 115 Main Rd., Montville, NJ 07045.



REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Nuclear War Depicted on Coinage

The 1983 set of divisional coins issued by a Decree of the Regent Captains in San Marino has been designated legal tender in both the Republic of San Marino and the Italian Republic. Designed by Agenore Fabbri, the design of the coins has a unique theme: "the threat of nuclear war." The set, consisting of 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100-, 200- and 500-lire specimens, has a limited mintage of 100,000. Each set is accompanied by a numbered certificate.

The common obverse of all pieces features the coat of arms of San Marino with the date and inscription REPUBBLICA DI SAN MARINO encircling the design. The reverse of all coins bears abstract engravings thematic of nuclear war as envisioned by the designer. Information about the 1983 legal tender coinage of the Republic of San Marino can be obtained by addressing the State Numismatic Office, Via Bastioni, Republic of San Marino.

TAIWAN

1983 Dollar Coinage Issued

The Bank of Taiwan has issued 1983 dollar denomination coinage, consisting of half-, one-, five- and ten-dollar coins. Obverses of the three higher denomination coins bear a portrait of late President Chiang Kai-Shek and the half-dollar specimen portrays a large plum blossom. The common inscription above the central design motif on all obverses features seven Chinese characters that translate as THE 70TH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

On the reverse of the ten-dollar coin are ten plum blossoms surrounding the denomination, represented in both Chinese and Arabic numerals. The reverse inscription is consistent on all four denominations. This cupro-nickel piece measures 26mm in diameter and weighs 7.5 grams. The reverse of the 4.4 gram, 22mm cupro-nickel five-dollar coin is engraved with a Chow Dynasty zigzag-dragon ornament also encircling the denomination.

Struck from a nickel, copper and aluminum alloy, the one-dollar coin weighs 3.8 grams, measures 20mm in diameter and depicts a Shang Dynasty lai ornament encircling the denomination on the reverse. The reverse of the half-dollar piece features a Warring States period loop-belt design surrounding the denomination; this specimen is struck from a copper, tin and zinc alloy, weighs 3 grams and measures 18mm in diameter.

Information about the new issues may be obtained from the Bank of Taiwan, Business Department, Chungking Road, South, Sec. 1, P.O. Box 8, Taipei, Taiwan 100, China.

GREAT BRITAIN

Gold Sovereigns Sell Quickly

With a limited mintage of only 20,000, the British Proof gold sovereign was expected to sell, but according to Mike Mansley, the British Royal Mint's assistant director of marketing for North America, ". . .the demand has been even greater than we imagined." A recent announcement has indicated that the Proof gold sovereign is sold out and that only a limited number of Proof gold half-sovereigns are available to collectors.

The common obverse design features Arnold Machin's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and the abbreviated Latin inscription ELIZABETH II BY THE GRACE OF GOD, QUEEN, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH. The reverse depicts Pistrucci's classic engraving *St. George Slaying the Dragon.*

Struck in 22kt. gold, the half-sovereign measures 19.3mm in diameter, weighs 3.99 grams and is priced at US$119. The Proof gold set, featuring the 5- and 2-pound pieces as well as the sovereign and half-sovereign, is priced at US$1,975. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, c/o Barclays Bank of New York, P.O. Box 2570, New York, NY 10163.

Pound Coin Available

Entering into circulation in the United Kingdom on April 21, 1983, Britain's first pound coin is now available to collectors in North America as part of the 1983 United Kingdom decimal Proof and Brilliant Uncirculated coin sets. This new pound coin represents the first such issue since the sovereign was replaced by the one-pound note in 1914, and is also the first coin struck with the mintmark of the Llantrisant Mint in Wales.

The nickel-brass pound coin measures 22.5mm in diameter, is 3.1mm thick and weighs 9.5 grams. Its obverse bears Arnold Machin's familiar portrait of Queen Elizabeth II; the reverse, designed by Eric Sewell, depicts Britain's Royal Coat of

Arms. The inscription DECUS ET TUTAMEN (an ornament and a safeguard) appears on the edge of the new specimen. Also appearing on the edge is the "three cross" mintmark of the Llantrisant Mint, symbolizing the Welsh name Llan-tri-sant (Parish of the Three Saints).

The 1983 decimal set includes in addition to the new pound coin, nickel-brass versions of the hexagonal 50- and 20-pence pieces, cupro-nickel 10- and 5-pence specimens and bronze 2-, 1- and ½-pence coins. The coins feature a frosted relief and a mirror-like background. Priced at US$29.75, the 1983 Proof set is presented in an acrylic display frame and leatherette case. The Brilliant Uncirculated set, although without the frosted finish, has the same specifications as the Proof, is presented in an informational commemorative folder and is priced at US$8.75. Information and orders are being accepted at the British Royal Mint, c/o Barclays Bank of New York, P.O. Box 2570, New York, NY 10163.

UNITED STATES

Increase in Bulk Price of George Washington Half

Reflecting the increase in the price of precious metals, Mint Director Donna Pope announced that the price of the Proof George Washington commemorative half dollar has increased to $10.50 when ordered in lots of 100. Bulk orders are sent by registered mail and each order will be mailed within two weeks from the time it is received in Washington.

Collectors wishing to order half dollars in quantities of less than 100 may still do so. Proof editions sell for $12 and Uncirculated versions sell for $10 from the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint St., San Francisco, CA 94175. Bulk orders are accepted only through the Washington Bulk Coin Program, Bureau of the Mint, 501 13th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20220. Postal money orders, certified or cashier's checks must accompany all orders.

Exhibit Center Commemorated

Originally presented to major contributors during the 1981 construction of the Creative Arts Exhibit Center of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a 3-inch bronze medal commemorating the dedication of the center is now available to collectors. Struck by the L.G. Balfour Company, the obverse of the medal depicts on Larry Heller's signed engraving of a stallion head, symbolizing the "free spirit of western art." The reverse features the legend TO/COMMEMORATE/THE DEDICATION/OF THE/CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBIT/CENTER/UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO/AT/COLORADO SPRINGS/1981.

Of the 256 high relief medals struck, approximately 200 are available to the public for a donation of $35 or more to the University of Colorado Foundation. The

medal includes a walnut stand and first class postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to the University of Colorado Foundation; interested collectors should address their orders to the Director of Development, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, P.O. Box 7150, Colorado Springs, CO 80933.

City Celebrates Sesquicentennial

In 1833 the Iowa Territory was opened to settlers and the City of Dubuque was founded on June 1 of that same year. In celebration of Dubuque, Iowa's sesquicentennial a number of special events have been scheduled. Included in the festivities is the striking of a .900 fine silver commemorative medal featuring a portrait of Julien Dubuque on the obverse. Above this central design is the inscription DUBUQUE, IOWA FOUNDED 1833. The reverse depicts a composite river scene including many of Dubuque's historical landmarks. The dates 1833-1983 are located below the central scene and the word SESQUICENTENNIAL, above.

Designed by Guy Green, mintage of the medallion is limited to 500 pieces, each measuring 39mm in diameter, edge numbered and enclosed in a plastic case. This silver sesquicentennial commemorative retails for $40 plus $2.50 postage and handling. Interested collectors are requested to address orders to Winter Wonderland Committee, P.O. Box 1406, Dubuque, IA 52001.

Monies received from the sale of the medallion are earmarked to subsidize the cost of the celebration, which includes the Winter Wonderland Celebration, canoe trips, a parade and many other events dramatizing the founding of the city.

February 1983 Mint Report

Denomination	Prev. Total	Feb. Total	Total
Half Dollars	2,802,000	13,522,000	16,324,000
Quarter Dollars	87,172,000	86,800,000	174,972,000
Dimes	100,020,000	95,500,000	192,520,000
Five-cent Pieces	94,376,000	90,720,000	185,096,000
One-cent Pieces	1,223,175,000	1,210,250,000	2,433,425,000
Bicentennial 40% Silver Proof Sets	2,363	2,903	5,266
Bicentennial 40% Silver Uncirculated Sets	1,992	1,727	3,719
George Washington Commemorative Proof Sets	82,075	169,943	252,018
George Washington Commemorative Uncirculated Sets	72,214	22,790	95,004
Olympic Proof Sets	—0—	13	13

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None

Ocean County Coin Club (C-67395)

A fifteen-passenger van was filled to capacity as members of New Jersey's Ocean County Coin Club traveled to the Newark Museum in March. The museum's curator explained the many coins, medals and samples of New Jersey paper money on display and showed the OCCC visitors a number of numismatic pieces issued by the famous Whitehead and Hoag Co. of Newark, New Jersey.

Toronto International Coin Fair (C-120983)

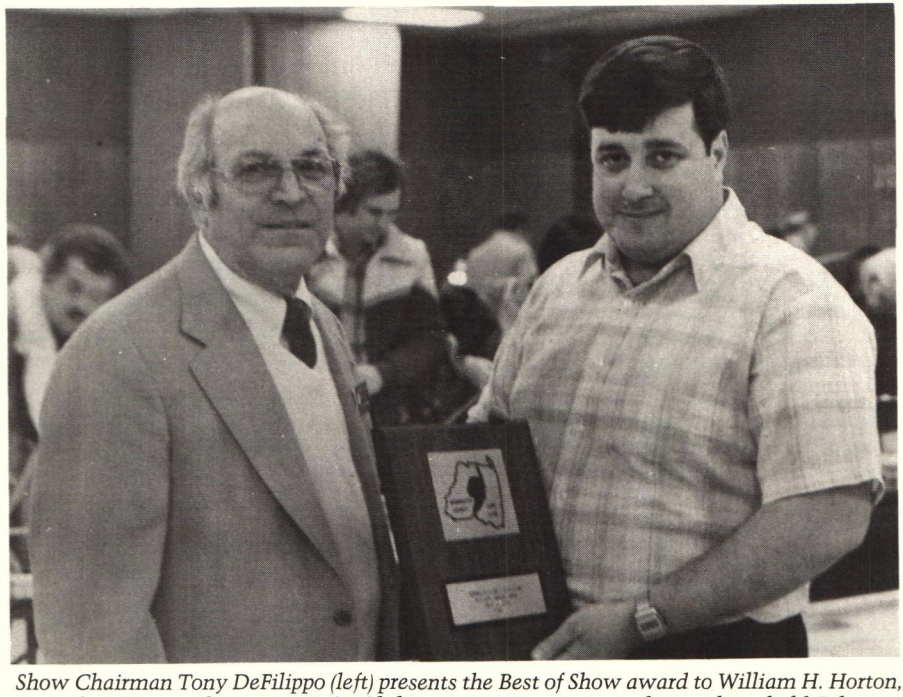
Representatives of the Toronto International Coin Fair have unveiled the organization's new logo to be used for all stationery, posters, flyers and promotional literature. The logo was created by graphic artist Donald D. Paterson of Toronto, who also designed the Canadian silver dollars issued in 1975 and 1980.

Information about future shows sponsored by TICF may be obtained by writing to Toronto International Coin Fair, P.O. Box 973, Station B, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2K 2T6.

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR

Clearwater Coin Club (C-17100)

Florida's Clearwater Coin Club welcomed several re-elected officers during its annual installation meeting in January. Reassuming their positions were Mary Leeuw, president; Ann Sims, secretary; and Polly Abbott, treasurer. John J. Casarino was installed as vice-president, and Florence Vogelsang, John Spies, Dwight



Show Chairman Tony DeFilippo (left) presents the Best of Show award to William H. Horton, Jr. at the ***Monmouth County Coin Club's*** *(C-33259) semi-annual coin show held February 27, 1983, in New Jersey.*

An elongated cent has been issued to commemorate the ***Michigan State Numismatic Society's*** *(LC-20) 1983 Spring Convention, held April 22 through 24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Flint, Michigan. The souvenir cents are available for 50¢ each or three for $1 and can be obtained by sending remittance and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ray Dillard, Registration Chairman, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430.*

Colbertson, Ed French, Bill Pysnack and Richard Lehman will fill seats on the board of directors.

The Clearwater Coin Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Clearwater Garden Club.

Numismatics International (C-55514)

Numismatics International has announced its 5th Annual Numismatics International Coin Exposition, scheduled for November 11 through 13, 1983, at the Marriott Hotel Quorum in Dallas, Texas. Sponsored jointly by Numismatics International, the International Banknote Society and the Society for Ancient Numismatics, the show will feature more than 70 dealers and a special auction. The sponsoring organizations also plan to conduct educational programs and annual meetings during the three-day event. Additional information about the NI Coin Exposition is available from Ross Schraeder, NICE 83, P.O. Box 6094, Richardson, TX 75080.

Prince Georges County Coin Club (C-55037)

The Prince George County Coin Club of Maryland has initiated a survivor benefit program for its members and their families. If a PGCCC member dies, the survivor benefit committee will examine and appraise the member's coin collection for his or her family.

West Valley Coin Club (C-26810)

Fifty-six members weathered the rain to attend the West Valley Coin Club's February meeting held in Reseda, California. In the absence of WVCC President Walt Ostromecki, who was attending the ANA Midwinter Convention in Tucson, the meeting was conducted by First Vice President Jerry Schreckengost. Members in attendance viewed a slide program presented by Dr. John Venable about Thomas Jefferson's lovely home, Monticello.

The March meeting of the WVCC marked the organization's 28th birthday. The milestone was celebrated in style with a birthday cake, the presentation of a gold coin as a special door prize, and an informative program conducted by William O. Wisslead about the 1804 dollar.

Numismatic Association of Southern California (C-24747)

"George Washington in Numismatics" was the theme of the Numismatic Association of Southern California "Super Twenty-Eighth" Convention, held January 27 through 29 in Los Angeles, California. In keeping with the show's theme, the Educational Forum featured renowned numismatist Dr. George Fuld, who spoke about the "Numismatic Memories of George Washington." "Documents of George Washington: His Expense Account" was discussed by the forum's second speaker, Dr. William Coleman, a

Brian Kotoff accepts the Junior Literary Award from Nona "Jane Adams" Moore during the awards ceremony at the NASC banquet.

Featured as one of the guest speakers at the NASC Educational Forum was Dr. Jerry Buss, who related his adventures in coin collecting.

Notable Quote . . .

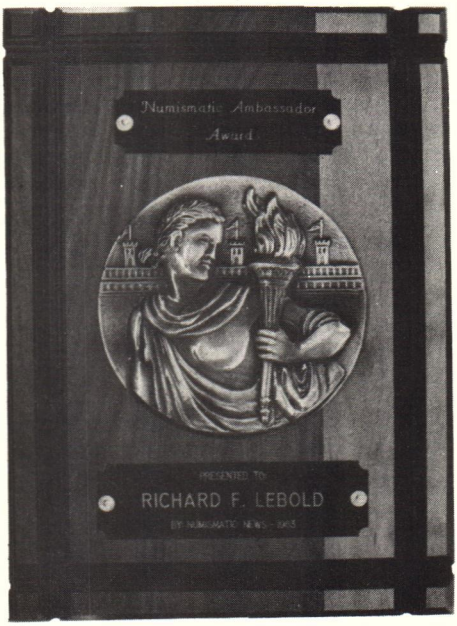
According to Mike Griffith, editor of the ASSOMOTA (C-56420) newsletter:

I don't see why anyone ever worries about us being taken over by the Russians—it would be ten years before we even acknowledged their presence in the streets, seventy years before we would learn their language, and two-hundred years before we'd use their coins. They'd go back home out of sheer frustration.

Southern California optometrist. Dr. Jerry Buss, owner of the Los Angeles Lakers and an avid coin collector, captivated the forum audience with stories of his numismatic acquisitions, which include a 1913 nickel and an 1804 dollar.

At the annual Past Presidents and Club Representatives Breakfast the Numismatic Ambassador Award was presented to NASC Treasurer Richard F. Lebold, the one-hundredth individual so honored. The presentation was made by Charles Colver, the very first recipient of the award.

The annual banquet provided the backdrop for the installation of officers, presentation of awards to exhibitors, and recognition of literary award winners. Charles Colver officiated at the installation, welcoming Albert Hall as 1983 NASC president.



Richard F. Lebold received the Numismatic Ambassador Award at the annual NASC Past Presidents and Club Representatives Breakfast held January 29, 1983.

ANA President Adna Wilde, Jr. and Governor Florence Schook man the ANA table at the NASC "Super Twenty-Eighth" Convention.

Toronto Coin Club (C-21085)

Toronto Coin Club member John Regitko delivered a presentation about coin photography and techniques to members attending TCC's March meeting. Illustrating the program with his own photographic slides and prints, John discussed cameras, film, lighting and printing techniques.

After one-and-a-half years of preparation, TCC members Paul Johnson and Ted Banning have assembled a book for the Canadian Numismatic Association describing how to create an exhibit and aspects of exhibit judging. Entitled *Exhibitions and Judging*, the 54-page booklet features articles by 15 contributing authors and may be ordered by sending $3 to Secretary, Canadian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T2, Canada.

Colorado Springs Numismatic Society (C-36988)

The February meeting of the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society was well-attended by more than 30 members and guests. ANA President Adna Wilde presented a report about the ceremonial striking of the 1983 Olympic silver dollar, which he observed on February 10 in San Francisco. Adna also displayed the ANACS Counterfeit Detection Reports currently available to ANA members. Tommy Acker discussed the "National Banknote-Issuing Banks of Spartanburg, South Carolina," relating the history of four early banks of Spartanburg and showing 49 different types of notes. Clarence Scheel supplemented his exhibit of German notgeld by giving a brief history of the German emergency money.

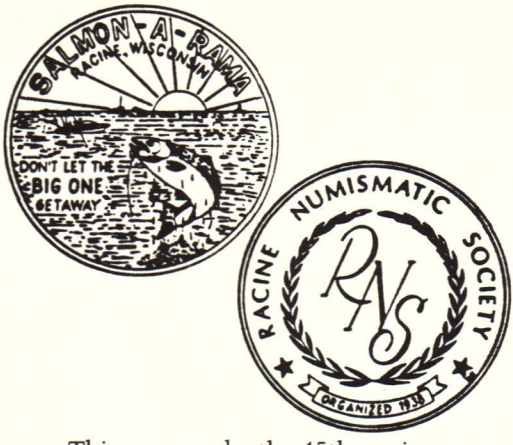
Lithuanian Numismatic Association (C-17903)

According to *The Knight*, the official publication of the Lithuanian Numismatic Association, photographs of recently discovered plaster models of proposed Lithuanian coinage designed by Sculptor Juozas Zikaras (1881-1944) have been obtained by the LNA. The photographs were acquired from Zikaras' son, who was interviewed by LNA members Vincent Alones and Charles Matuzas. The elder Zikaras was responsible for the designs of all the coins issued by the Republic of Lithuania. The February issue of *The Knight* featured photographs of three plasters, and the LNA plans to publish more in future issues.

Interested individuals may obtain a one-year subscription (six issues) to *The Knight* by sending a donation of $10 or more to the Lithuanian Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 612, Columbia, MD 21045.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the ***Colonial Coin Club*** *(C-60628) of Annapolis, Maryland. To commemorate the event, the CCC has issued a dollar-size wooden coin depicting the club's official logo. Collectors may obtain a pair of woods by sending $1 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to H.W. Schab, Colonial Coin Club Secretary, P.O. Box 884, Annapolis, MD 21404.*

Racine Numismatic Society (C-7044)



This year marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Racine Numismatic Society of Wisconsin. In recognition of this milestone, the RNS has issued a commemorative medal, as has been its custom for each fifth year anniversary since 1963. Each medal has honored the city of Racine, and this year's issue depicts the city's largest summertime event—Salmon-A-Rama. This annual fishing derby, now in its eighth year, is recognized as the nation's largest fishing tournament, attracting more than 6,000 entrants and 200,000 spectators.

The medal's obverse depicts a Chinook salmon leaping above the waters of Lake Michigan as it takes a lucky fisherman's line. The Racine Numismatic Society logo is featured on the reverse. The 1983 commemorative medal was designed by club member Don Frost, who has designed all NJNS medals since 1968. Struck in both nickel and silver, the medal is also available as a key ring. The nickel-composition medal and key ring are priced at $2 and $2.75 respectively, and may be ordered by writing to RNS Medals, P.O. Box 1222, Racine, WI 53405. A postage and handling charge of 35¢ should be added for each item.

New Jersey Numismatic Society (C-4372)

On January 17, 27 members of the New Jersey Numismatic Society assembled at the Madison Public Library for the club's 500th meeting. Ernest Keusch, NJNS past president, conducted the program for the historic session, relating the story of the United States Assay Commission. Keusch's presentation was complemented by his display of 20 Assay Commission medals. An expert on twenty-cent pattern coins, he is also a contributor to J. Hewitt Judd's book *United States Pattern, Experimental and Trial Pieces.*

The December 1933 issue of *The Numismatist* reported the very first meeting of the society, which was attended by seven members under the guidance of Charles Nettleship, who later became the first president of the organization. Since then, the membership of the NJNS has been characterized by a variety of numismatic interests, and many members have become nationally known authors, dealers and authorities. Current NJNS President Harry Rescigno is an authority

Members of the New Jersey Numismatic Society are justifiably proud of the club's 500th meeting milestone. Pictured from left to right are NJNS Past Presidents William Selfridge, James Heath, Ernest Keusch and incumbent President Harry Rescigno.

on Colonial coppers, Hard Times tokens and old auction catalogs. Rescigno is a frequent contributor to *Penny Wise*, the official journal of the Early American Coppers Society, which was founded by another NJNS member, Herb Silbeman. Club member George Wait compiled a massive volume entitled *New Jersey's Money* for the Newark Museum. Robert Schoenwalter is well versed on the subject of coins of ancient Greece, and Carl Rosenblum keeps the society informed about the currency of Palestine and Israel. Three NJNS members have also served on the U.S. Assay Commission: Founder Charles Nettleship (1937), Past Presi-

dent Vernon Brown (1942) and Joseph Litvany (1965).

The NJNS acknowledged club member James Brown with an honorary membership for his 20 years of dedicated service as recording secretary. Brown has been ill for many months, but he is on the road to recovery and hopes to resume business at his numismatic book shop in Newark.

An 8½ by 11-inch souvenir card, depicting a $10 National Bank Note issue by the Madison Bank, was presented to all members attending the 500th meeting. Collectors may obtain the commemorative card by sending $1 plus 20¢ postage to Harry Rescigno, P.O. Box 415, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

Missouri Numismatic Society (C-7183)

Dr. John W. Twente, a professional zoologist with the Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Missouri, spoke before the Missouri Numismatic Society's Ancient Coinage Study Group in April at the Missouri Numismatic Library in St. Louis. Discussing ancient coins that bear images of animals, Dr. Twente made observations about the relative rarity of several coins.

Collectors of the Realm (C-11008)

A recent newsletter released by Collectors of the Realm of Los Angeles, California, heaped praise on Arlillian Moody, a member of the organization's board of governors. Apparently Ms. Moody, an internationally known dress designer, interior decorator and patron of the arts, conceived the idea of forming Collectors of the Realm. Often called the "backbone" of the organization, Ms. Moody resides at the Elegant Manor, a popular Los Angeles landmark where the club is allowed to meet. The scene of several motion pictures and television productions, the Elegant Manor and its lovely grounds have been featured in *Sunset* magazine and numerous other publications. Ms. Moody usually provides the meeting's refreshments, which are often augmented with fruits and vegetables from her bountiful gardens.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar listings are published as a service to member clubs of the American Numismatic Association. Entries must be received ***at least eight weeks*** *prior to the cover date of the magazine and preferably as much as* ***four months*** *in advance so announcements will appear in several consecutive issues. Type or print clearly and include zip code in address. Send to Calendar of Events, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.*

EAST

MAY

1 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

7 WATERTOWN, NY. Ramada Inn, Outer Arsenal St. Northern New York Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

14-15 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Annual Mid-Year Empire State Numismatic Association Convention. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

21 CHERRY HILL, NJ. Cherry Hill Community Center, Mercer St. 3rd Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Cherry Hill Coin Club. Dave Miller, 18 Virginia Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

JUNE

5 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Coin Show sponsored by the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

17-19 ARLINGTON, VA. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy. 8th Convention of the International Numismatic Society. Adrian Van Leeuwen, P.O. Box 11, Fulton, OH 43321.

19 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

JULY

17 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Coin Show sponsored by the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Cir. W., Clay, NY 13041.

23-24 CLAYTON, NY. Clayton Arena, Rt. 12. The Thousand Islands Chapter (American Field Service) 5th Annual Thousand Islands Stamp, Coin, Postcard & Collectibles Show held in conjunction with the 5th Annual Mini-Convention of the Empire State Numismatic Association. George W. Forbes, P.O. Box 316, Clayton, NY 13624.

SOUTH

MAY

1 DALLAS, TX. Holiday Inn, Regal Row & I-35 E. Coin Show sponsored by the Dallas Coin Dealers Association. William L. Timmons, 2901 Valley View, #120, Dallas, TX 75234.

1 HOLLYWOOD, FL. Hollywood Mall, Hollywood Blvd. Gold Coast Coin Club's Coin Show. Dorothy Kociaba, P.O. Box 205, Hollywood, FL 33022.

8 MARIETTA, GA. Holiday Inn, I-75 & Delk. Coin Exhibition and Show sponsored by the Marietta-Smyrna Coin Club. Tom Warren, Box 1321, Smyrna, GA 30081.

13-15 HUNTSVILLE, AL. The Mall, University Dr. & N. Memorial Pkwy. Rocket City Coin Club's 29th Semi-Annual Coin Show. J.R. Tate, Box 750, Huntsville, AL 35804.

13-15 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. Lincoln Plaza Forum, 4345 Lincoln Blvd. 1983 Convention sponsored by the Oklahoma Numismatic Association. Cecil Morris, P.O. Box 10983, Midwest City, OK 73140.

14 VICKSBURG, MS. Holiday Inn. Vicksburg Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show. Cason Schaffer, 107 East View Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39180.

28-29 AUSTIN, TX. Quality Inn South, 2200 S. I-35. Austin Aqua Festival 11th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Capital City Coin Club. Louis Janosek, 2713 Friar Tuck Ln., Austin, TX 78704.

28-29 JACKSON, MS. Coliseum Ramada Inn. Greater Jackson Coin Show sponsored by the Jackson and Ridgeland Coin Clubs. Jim Ratliff, P.O. Box 6420, Jackson, MS 39212.

JUNE

4-5 DALLAS, TX. Sheraton Inn, LBJ Fwy. at Jupiter Rd. Garland Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. James M. Brown, P.O. Box 401303, Garland, TX 75040.

5 HOLLYWOOD, FL. Hollywood Mall, Hollywood Blvd. Gold Coast Coin Club's Coin Show. Dorothy Kociaba, P.O. Box 205, Hollywood, FL 33022.

11-12 RALEIGH, NC. Kerr Scott Bldg., State Fairgrounds. Raleigh Coin Club's 10th Annual Coin & Stamp Show. Halbert Carmichael, Box 18801, Raleigh, NC 27619.

JULY

2-5 CLEARWATER BEACH, FL. Sheraton Sand Key, 1160 Gulf Blvd. Clearwater Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. M. Leeuw, P.O. Box 7934, St. Petersburg, FL 33734.

3 HOLLYWOOD, FL. Hollywood Mall, Hollywood Blvd. Gold Coast Coin Club's Coin Show. Dorothy Kociaba, P.O. Box 205, Hollywood, FL 33022.

15-17 BIRMINGHAM, AL. Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. 23rd Annual Convention and Show sponsored by the Alabama Numismatic Society. Purnie Moore, P.O. Box 3601-W.E., Birmingham, AL 35211.

22-24 DALLAS, TX. North Park Inn, 9300 North Central Expy. Coin Show sponsored by the Dallas Coin Club. C.C. Andrews, P.O. Box 7673, Dallas, TX 75209.

AUGUST

7 HOLLYWOOD, FL. Hollywood Mall, Hollywood Blvd. Gold Coast Coin Club's Coin Show. Dorothy Kociaba, P.O. Box 205, Hollywood, FL 33022.

7-8 DALLAS, TX. Northtown Mall, Webb Chapel & LBJ Frwy. Coin Show sponsored by the Dallas Coin Dealers Association. William L. Timmons, 2901 Valley View, #120, Dallas, TX 75234.

13-14 MERIDIAN, MS. Holiday Inn Northeast, I-59 at Dekalb Exit. Meridian Area Coin Club's 19th Annual Coin & Currency Show. Mrs. H.L. Brewer, P.O. Box 951, Meridian, MS 39301.

CENTRAL

MAY

1 DEFIANCE, OH. K of C Hall. Defiance Coin Club's 18th Annual Coin Show. Gary Tobias, 1880 Maumee Dr., Defiance, OH 43512.

1 MUNCIE, IN. Student Center, Ball State University. Muncie Stamp & Coin Club's 26th Annual Show. Mary Hutchison, P.O. Box 2315, Muncie, IN 47302.

6-8 COLUMBIA, MO. Biscayne Mall, 300 Stadium Blvd. 18th Annual Columbia Coin Club Show. CCC, P.O. Box 7293, Columbia, MO 65205.

14-15 OGALLALA, NE. Holiday Inn, 201 Chuckwagon Rd. 28th Annual Convention sponsored by the Nebraska Numismatic Association. John J. Gabarron, P.O. Box 30011, Lincoln, NE 68503.

22 MORTON GROVE, IL. American Legion Hall, 6140 Dempster. 19th Annual Spring Coin Festival sponsored by the Morton Grove Coin Club. Lou Goldstein, P.O. Box 43, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

JUNE

5 ROCKFORD, IL. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 3909 11th St. Rockford Area Coin Club's 53rd Semi-Annual Coin Show. Ralph C. Winquist, 1004 C St., Rockford, IL 61107.

JULY

29-31 PADUCAH, KY. Jaycee Civic Center, 2701 Park Ave. 23rd Annual Coin Show conducted by the Western Kentucky Coin Club. J.B. Felts, P.O. Box 958, Paducah, KY 42001.

WEST

MAY

1 VALLEJO, CA. Dan Foley Cultural Center, Tuolumne St. Vallejo Numismatic Society's 11th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. VNS, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.

13-14 WEST COVINA, CA. American Legion Hall, 330 N. Azusa Ave. Covina Coin Club's 22nd Annual Coin-O-Rama. Frank Strauss, 122 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016.

14-15 CASPER, WY. Hilton Inn, I-25 & Rancho Rd. Casper Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Bill Cruzen, P.O. Box 1671, Casper, WY 82602.

JUNE

5 CARMEL, CA. Holiday Inn, Hwy. 1 & River Rd. Monterey Peninsula Coin Club's 8th Annual Coin Show. Gordon D. Rammer, 150 Kern, #34, Salinas, CA 93905.

25-26 PRESCOTT, AZ. Ponderosa Plaza Mall, 1316 Iron Springs Rd. Prescott Coin Club's 9th Annual Coin Show. Mike Wolf, P.O. Box 233, Dewey, AZ 86327.

JULY

9-10 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Colorado Springs Shriners Club, 33rd St. at W. Pikes Peak Ave. Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Colorado Springs Coin Club and the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society. C. Scheel, P.O. Box 7768, Colorado Springs, CO 80933.

24 FULLERTON, CA. Holiday Inn. California Exonumist Society's California Exonumist All Day Show. G. "Corky" Ayers, 2345 S. San Antonio, Pomona, CA 91766.

30-31 SANTA BARBARA, CA. Earl Warren Showgrounds, U.S. 101 at Las Positas Rd. Santa Barbara Coin Club's 25th Annual Coin Show. Ronald J. Gillio, c/o Western Coin, 1103 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

AUGUST

4-7 LOS ANGELES, CA. Airport Park Hotel. Society for International Numismatics 14th Convention & Coin Show. George Russell, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

7 FREMONT, CA. Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr. Fremont Coin Club's 11th Annual Coin Show. FCC, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538.

12-14 LOS ANGELES, CA. Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. 20th Convention of International Numismatics sponsored by the Council of International Numismatics. G.A. "Corky" Ayers, 2345 S. San Antonio, Pomona, CA 91766.

FOREIGN

MAY

13-15 TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA. Harbourfront, 222 Queen's Quay W. Torex Spring 1983 Collectibles Show sponsored by the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers. Al Bliman, P.O. Box 3145, Station D, Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3G5, Canada.

FUTURE ANA EVENTS

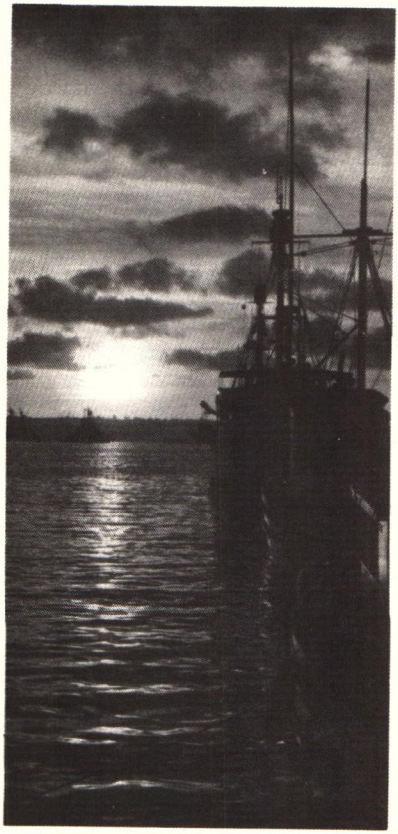
July 10-16, 1983 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Colorado College. 15th Annual Summer Seminar. Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

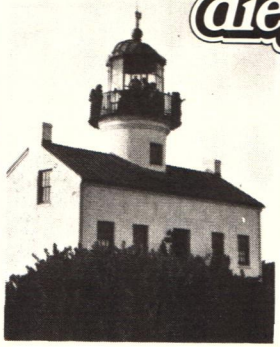
August 7-13, 1983 LOS ANGELES, CA. UCLA. 15th Annual Summer Seminar. Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

August 16-20, 1983 SAN DIEGO, CA. Town & Country Hotel. 92nd Anniversary Convention. Catharine Edgerton Lenker, General Chairman, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92106.

February 22-26, 1984 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Broadmoor Hotel. 6th Midwinter Convention. General Chairman to be announced.

July 31-August 4, 1984 DETROIT, MI. Cobo Hall Convention Center. 93rd Anniversary Convention. Florence Schook, General Chairman, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154.





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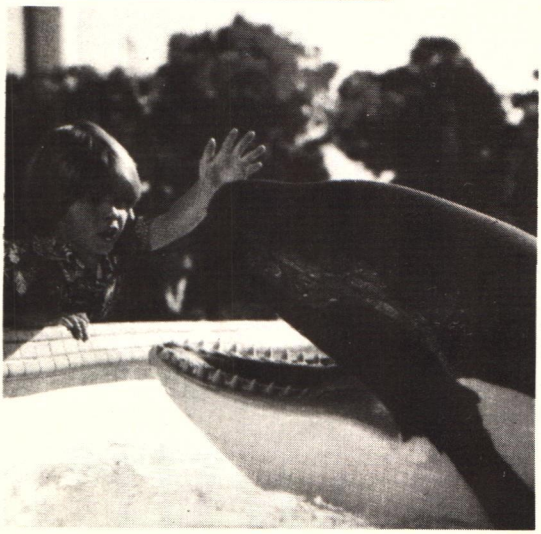


ANA CERTIFICATION SERVICE

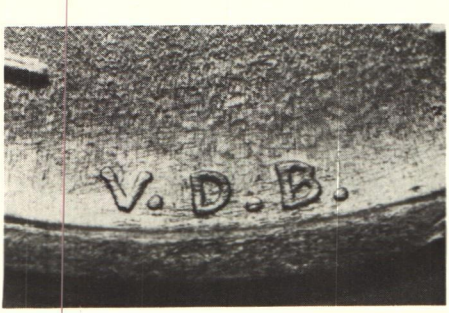
Characteristics of Genuine 1909-S VDB Cents

Since the exposure of an excellent counterfeit 1909-S VDB cent in the March 1983 issue of *The Numismatist*, several well-known, previously publicized counterfeits have been submitted to ANACS for evaluation. Because of the increased attention directed to genuine and counterfeit 1909-S VDB cents, the ANACS staff has prepared the following list of some diagnostics for genuine 1909-S VDB cents.

The style of both the mintmark and the designer's initials on 1909-S VDB cents has been well-publicized by ANACS in past years. However, despite the recent increase in the number of counterfeit 1909-S cents seen by ANACS, the vast majority of non-genuine cents are altered coins displaying added mintmarks.

The S mintmark on genuine 1909-S VDB cents features squared-off serifs, a small lump inside the upper curve of the S, and a diagonal groove in the upper serif. This mintmark style appears on all Lincoln cents, Liberty and Buffalo nickels, Mercury dimes and Walking Liberty halves struck at the San Francisco Mint from 1909 to mid-1917. The same mintmark style also appears on several gold coins issued in this period and on the Panama-Pacific commemorative gold pieces.

Mintmark characteristics of genuine 1909-S VDB cent.



Designer's initials as they appear on genuine 1909-S VDB cent.

Position 1: *Mintmark is high and tilts to right. Top of S is above the bottom of the 9s in date. Left edge of S is even with right edge of first 9; right edge of S is even with center of left curve of 0.*

Position 2: *Mintmark is in medium position and tilts to right. Top of S is even with bottom of 9s in date. Left edge of S is even with right edge of first 9; right edge of S is even with center of left curve of 0.*

Die chip in right obverse field (Position 1).

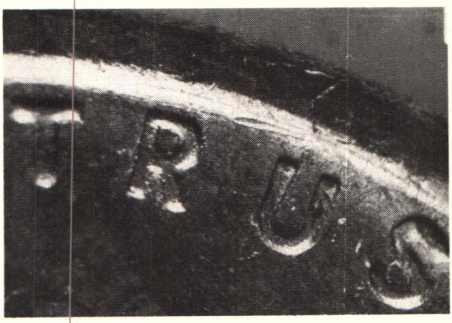
Diagonal lines surrounding the mintmark are die erosion lines, a common characteristic of 1909-S VDB cents. These lines occurred when dies were used beyond their normal limits and consequently began to deteriorate.

The stylized initials of Victor David Brenner, the designer of the Lincoln cent, appear on the reverse of the 1909-S cent at the six-o'clock position. On genuine cents, the initials are slightly off-center to the left in relation to the ends of the

Position 3: *Mintmark is in medium position and tilts to right. Top of S is even with bottom of 9s in date. Left edge of S is even with center of space between 9 and 0; right edge of S is just left of center of 0.*

Position 4: *Mintmark is low and upright. Top of S is well below bottom of 9s in date. Left edge of S is even with left edge of 0; right edge of S is even with center of 0.*

Die chip in upper loop of B in LIBERTY (Position 4).



Die gouge above U in TRUST (Position 2).

wheat stalks. The center bar of the B slants upward from left to right, and the lower right curves of the D and B also slant upward, giving both letters an asymmetric appearance. The presence or absence of periods should not be used as a diagnostic, as genuine 1909-S VDB cents often possess weak periods or completely lack one, two or all three periods. The periods appear on the die as very shallow "dents," which easily filled with grease during the striking process and thus often did not appear fully struck on the coin.

Four obverse dies were used to produce genuine 1909-S VDB cents, and ANACS has numbered these dies by mintmark position, from highest to lowest and from left to right. Position 1, apparently the last die in service, was first matched with a VDB reverse die and then later used with a plain reverse die, thus producing the 1909-S VDB and 1909-S cents. Position 1 is also identified by a small, raised lump of metal in the right obverse field. The counterfeit identified in the March 1983 issue of *The Numismatist* was patterned after a Position 1 obverse. This same obverse also appears on the counterfeit 1909-S cent described in the February 1982 issue.

The Position 2 obverse often is characterized by a small, raised line above the U in TRUST. This obverse was used on the counterfeit 1909-S VDB cent discussed in the November 1980 issue of *The Numismatist.*

The Position 3 obverse closely resembles the obverse of a genuine 1909-S Lincoln cent. The initials VDB on any Position 1 or Position 3 1909-S VDB cent should be carefully inspected for signs of alteration. For example, the counterfeit identified in the December 1979 issue of *The Numismatist* appears at first glance to be a Position 3 1909-S VDB cent.

Of the four mintmark locations, Position 4 is the most common and is easily identified because the mintmark is the lowest and farthest to the right of the four. As yet, ANACS has not seen a counterfeit 1909-S VDB cent with this mintmark position. A late die state of Position 4 shows a lump of raised metal or "die chip" in the upper loop of the B of LIBERTY, the result of the void caused when a small piece of metal broke away from the die.

Many 1909-S VDB cents have a brassy, streaky or wood-grain appearance, the result of poor quality planchets. These variances in appearance, however, have been noted on genuine, altered and counterfeit cents, and thus can not be used as a diagnostic. Because nearly every characteristic of genuine 1909-S VDB cents has been reproduced on counterfeits, accurate descriptions of every known counterfeit cent are necessary to authenticate these pieces.

ANACS is currently preparing a reprint of articles published in past issues of *The Numismatist.* Scheduled for release later this year, the reprint will include articles describing other 1909-S VDB counterfeits.

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_____	City Tour (*Tuesday, August 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm*)	9.00	12.00	_____
_____	Evening Cruise (*Tuesday, August 16, 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm*)	21.00	26.00	_____
_____	Sea World (*Wednesday, August 17, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Includes admission*)	19.00	24.00	_____
_____	Tijuana Shopping Tour (*Thursday, August 18, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Lunch is* **not** *included.*)	15.00	20.00	_____
_____	Spouses' Luncheon - Balboa Park (*Friday, August 19, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm*)	13.00	18.00	_____
_____	Club Representatives' Breakfast (*Saturday, August 20, 8:00 am*)	9.25	11.25	_____
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NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Presidential Support Aids NCW Cause

On March 7, 1983, National Coin Week was officially proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan. Representative Frank Annunzio, one of this year's honorary NCW co-chairpersons, succeeded in obtaining the Congressional support necessary to insure adoption of the Coin Week resolution. The presidential proclamation, as it appeared in the *Federal Register*, appears below.

> Since the beginning of history, coins have played an important role in the story of civilization. They reflect the economic development of their country of origin, as well as the scientific advancement and artistic values of the people who produce and use them. Today, millions of Americans collect coins for both pleasure and profit.
>
> To help foster the public's interest in coin collecting, the United States Mint annually offers Proof sets of the current year's coinage. In 1982, the United States Mint struck a commemorative silver half dollar marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. In 1983-1984 the first commemorative Olympic coinage ever issued by our country will be introduced in gold and silver.
>
> Recognizing that coin collecting has educational and cultural value, promotes greater understanding of our history and heritage, and is enjoyed by millions of Americans, the Congress, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 516 (Public Law 97-239), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning April 17, 1983, as "National Coin Week."
>
> Now, therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 17, 1983, as "National Coin Week" and call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.
>
> In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Canadians Issue Coin Week Trade Token

To commemorate Coin Week 1983, the Wildwood Elks Lodge of Alberta, Canada, has issued a special trade token for use by the community of Wildwood. Designed by Nick Myschuk, the $2 token depicts an elk standing before the majestic Rocky Mountains. The reverse features representations of the Maria Theresa dollar and the Morgan dollar on either side of a pyramid. The theme of this year's observance, "Exploring Our Proud Heritage," is heralded in a banner above a map of the world.

Measuring 39mm in diameter, the trade token was struck by the Alberta Mint of Edmonton in three varieties: bronze, brass and nickel-silver. Priced at $2.50 each, three for $7, or ten for $20, the trade tokens can be ordered from the Wildwood Elks Lodge No. 411, Box 22, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada T0E 2M0. Gold-plated bronze editions are available for $12.50.

Interested collectors not residing in North America can order the token for $4.25 postpaid from Lauren Benson, 215 Main St., Suite 511, Davenport, IA 52801, USA.

CONVENTIONS

Tours Acquaint ANA Members with Convention City

Take the beauty of the West Coast, combine it with the flavor of Mexico, add a balmy breeze, and you have San Diego. The best of California's playgrounds, this seaport city has more to see and do than anyone can possibly squeeze into just a few days.

For those attending ANA's 92nd Anniversary Convention in San Diego, August 16-20, a number of special tours and events have been planned to introduce convention visitors to the unmatched vitality of San Diego. Tour guests will marvel at the incredible variety of animals at the San Diego Zoo, explore the city's fascinating landmarks, take a romantic evening cruise in San Diego Harbor, and enjoy a south-of-the-border shopping tour in Tijuana, Mexico.

Because tour space is limited, convention visitors are encouraged to reserve space for the tours of their choice on the registration card enclosed in this issue of *The Numismatist*.

San Diego Zoo

Monday, August 15, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The largest collection of animals in the world, the San Diego Zoo features more than 1,500 species. By special arrangement, ANA members will tour the zoo on a private tram guided by zoo personnel, who will explain the animals' natural habitats and introduce the zoo's friendly residents. Afterward, visitors will have plenty of free time to explore the lush grounds on their own. The Children's Zoo offers the unique opportunity to pet and feed baby animals, and the koala bear exhibit houses the only captive koalas outside the Australian continent.

City Tour

Tuesday, August 16, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Aboard a coach chartered exclusively for ANA members, guests on this tour will enjoy many of San Diego's most famous and picturesque attractions. First

Blessed with a great natural harbor, the city of San Diego has long been an active seaport.

The Hotel Del Coronado is perhaps one of San Diego's most familiar landmarks.

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stop for the ANA entourage will be the city's 17-mile-long harbor, where the *Star of India*, the oldest iron-hulled sailing vessel afloat, rests at dock. A tour guide will also describe the many historic buildings that line the waterfront.

The group will drive through San Diego's Balboa Park, more than 1,000 magnificent acres of flowers and greenery, to a huge museum complex that houses the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theatre and the Museum of Man. More than just a sight-seeing stop, this will be a true numismatic experience, for Balboa Park was the site of the 1915 and 1935 expositions depicted on the San Diego commemorative half dollar.

A short stop at the Cabrillo National Monument on the tip of Point Loma will allow tour guests to stretch their legs and enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the city, the surrounding countryside and the small islands offshore. Aboard the coach once more, the group will proceed to the quaint village of La Jolla, "The Jewel" of the Pacific coast. This charming seaside community features studios, boutiques and sidewalk cafes in addition to world famous sun-drenched beaches and spectacular cliff-top vistas.

Harbor Cruise

Tuesday, August 16, 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm

San Diego will be ablaze with lights as ANA members take an evening cruise around San Diego Bay aboard a privately chartered boat. A trio of musicians will serenade tour guests while they enjoy their favorite libations from the cash bar.

Sailing by North Island, the ANA crew will view the elegant, Victorian-style Hotel Del Coronado, host to princes and presidents. Gliding under the stately Coronado Bay Bridge, which is pictured on the convention medal, the boat will pass by the old-fashioned Harbor Fish Mart and the modern tuna canneries that line the shore.

Sea World

Wednesday, August 17, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

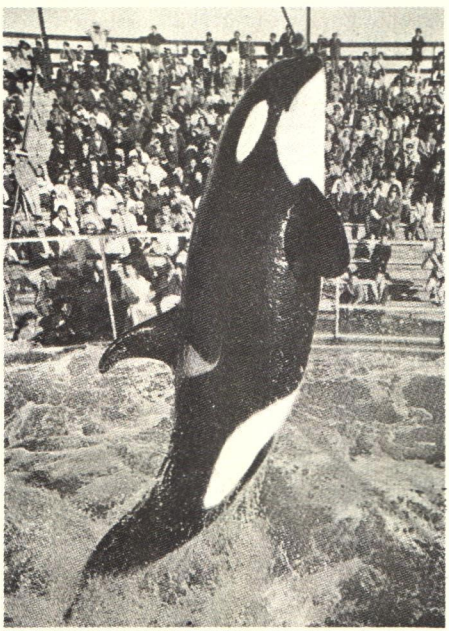
The young and the young-at-heart will

delight in the scheduled visit to Sea World Aquatic Park, where visitors can feed playful dolphins, pet friendly whales and ruffle the mustaches of enormous walruses. The 18-acre park features a variety of attractions, including "dancing" fountains, underwater ballet and pearl divers. Shamu, the three-ton killer whale, always steals the show, however, when he performs flips, high jumps and barrel rolls for the audience.

Tijuana Shopping Tour

Thursday, August 18, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

En route to the bustling city of Tijuana, Mexico, the tour group will be briefed on the value of the peso and the best places to shop. About 20 miles outside of San Diego, the group will stop at a monument marking the southwesternmost point of the United States before crossing the border. A duty-free port, Tijuana offers everything from native Mexican pottery and leathercraft to luxurious European imports. When traveling as a group, visitors are allowed to bring one quart of liquor and $300 in goods back to the United States. American currency is readily accepted in Tijuana, and numismatists should enjoy honing their bargaining skills with the local merchants.



Shamu the killer whale performs for visitors at Sea World Aquatic Park.

Spouses' Luncheon

Friday, August 19, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Amid the tropical surroundings of Balboa Park is Cafe Del Rey Moro, the site of the Spouses' Luncheon. A San Diego landmark since 1914, the restaurant offers a tranquil dining atmosphere with terraces overlooking the colorful gardens. No speaker is scheduled for the luncheon, giving spouses ample opportunity to stroll about and enjoy the unparalleled beauty of the park.

ANA Reception and Banquet

Saturday, August 20, Reception—7:00 pm, Banquet—8:00 pm

San Diego's Town and Country Hotel, the official hotel for the convention, will host this year's ANA banquet. Scheduled to be held in the hotel's Mission Ballroom, the banquet will be preceded by a reception in the Mission Ballroom Foyer.

Since its establishment in Mission Valley in 1953, the hotel has grown from a 46-room motel to a complex covering more than 30 acres. The Town and Country features a variety of specialty shops, including two gift shops, a men's wear store, women's boutique, beauty salon, barber shop and florist.

With so much to do in San Diego, the convention visitor really should come a week before the convention begins to experience as much of this exciting city as possible. A number of attractions are less than a day's drive from San Diego, such as Wild Animal Park, Mount Palomar Observatory, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and, of course, the sprawling metropolis of Los Angeles. Early birds who would like additional information about camping areas, RV facilities and fishing in the San Diego area are welcome to contact John E. Lenker, Publicity Chairman, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92106.

Medal Features San Diego Landmarks

Those familiar with the sights in the San Diego area will readily recognize the landmarks depicted on this year's official medal struck for the ANA's 92nd Anniversary Convention. The medal was designed by William T. Fell, past president of the Oceanside/Carlsbad Coin Club and a member of the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, the organization hosting the 1983 convention. Executed by award-winning sculptress Barbara Hyde, the medal features the California Tower and State of California Building that were erected for the San Diego-California-Pacific Exposition held in 1935. Surrounding the design is the inscription AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION • 92ND ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION. The reverse of the medal portrays the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. Beneath the bridge is an aircraft carrier, representing the huge United States naval installation in San Diego. The inscription SAN DIEGO COUNTY INTER-CLUB NUMISMATIC COUNCIL • 1983 encircles the reverse motif.

Struck in limited quantities by the Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut, the San Diego Convention medal can be reserved by filling out the preregistration card bound in this issue. The medal also can be purchased at the convention.

	PRE-CONVENTION	CONVENTION
1¼-inch Bronze Convention Badge	$ 6.00	$ 6.75
1¼-inch Bronze and Silver Medal Set	$30.00	$35.00
2¼-inch Bronze Table Medal	$17.50	$20.00

Call for Program Advertisers

The ANA staff is working hard to make the 92nd Anniversary Convention in San Diego a memorable event for all. To this end, dealers are once again invited to advertise in the official convention program. By placing advertisements, dealers will not only help support ANA activities but also will acquaint thousands of convention visitors with the services their firms offer.

Size requirements for program advertising are the same as those for *The Numismatist*. Advertising is offered at a rate of $120 for a full page and $72 for a half page. To facilitate handling, send all inquiries and ad copy to Deborah Muehleisen, Advertising Manager, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Deadline for receipt of copy is June 15, 1983.

CONVENTIONS

Nominations Open for Great Lady Award

The first "Great Lady of ANA Award" was presented to Evie Kelley at the 1978 ANA convention in Houston. Since that time several women active in the numismatic world have been so honored, including Margo Russell, Glenda Koppenhaver, Betty Medlar and Dorothy Baber. The award committee is now seeking nominations for the 1983 Great Lady Award, which will be presented at the 92nd Anniversary Convention in San Diego, August 16-20.

The ANA Board of Governors established the Faye Rochette Memorial Fund in 1977 for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the late wife of Executive Vice President Edward C. Rochette. Before her untimely death in August 1977, Faye was well known to many members of the Association, especially those who regularly attended ANA conventions.

Nominees for the award must be members of the ANA, but cannot be officers of the Association. The award will be presented to the nominee who best exemplifies the traits of the woman whom the award honors—sincerity, friendliness, compassion, frankness, dedication, enthusiasm and possession of an ebullient and high-spirited personality.

Responsibility for selection of the recipient is vested soley with the Faye Rochette Memorial Award committee; only those nominated will be considered for the award. Those nominating an individual should also include information about the nominee's qualifications. Nominations should be submitted before June 15, 1983, to the Faye Rochette Memorial Award Committee, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

INSURANCE

Enrollment Opens for Collection Insurance Plan

Members may now apply for the ANA Collection Insurance Plan, which offers comprehensive, low-cost insurance protection for numismatic collections, available at special rates to ANA members only. The plan is designed to protect private collections against loss or damage by fire, robbery, burglary, tornado, flood and other hazards, regardless of whether the collection is kept at home, in a private safe or in a bank vault. Extra coverage is provided for individually listed pieces in the collection that have a value of $750 or more.

In the event of loss or damage to a collection, the Collection Insurance Plan pays up to full value if the collection is stored in a bank vault or safety deposit box; up to $10,000 if the collection is housed in a safe or vault at home or elsewhere; and up to $7,500 if the collection is kept at home or in another location without the protection of a safe or vault.

If the collection is stored in a private safe, bank vault or safety deposit box, as much as $7,500 of the collection can be removed at any time without affecting insurance protection. An additional feature of the plan provides that new items added to the collection are automatically protected without further cost as long as the added value is not more than 10 percent of the total insurance in force or $1,000, whichever is less.

Complete information about the ANA Collection Insurance Plan will be mailed to all ANA members during this annual enrollment period. Questions should be directed to Albert H. Wohlers & Co., ANA Group Insurance Plans, 1500 Higgins Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

ELECTION '83

Nominations Report

In answer to ANA President Adna G. Wilde, Jr.'s call for nominations published in the January issue of *The Numismatist* (page 68), the following are either incumbents who have declared their candidacy for a specific seat and/or candidates who have qualified for nomination as of April 1, 1983, for the 1983-1985 terms of president and vice president and the 1983-1987 terms of governor.

Further nominations may have been made by any member in good standing, including affiliated clubs, prior to April 15, 1983, subject to the current bylaws as published in the January 1983 issue. The final nominations report will be published in the June edition of *The Numismatist*.

Nominations had to be submitted in writing to the executive vice president. They were not acknowledged, but the nominees were notified upon securing the necessary number of nominations from member clubs in good standing and at least five nominations from individual members in good standing. Club nominations had to bear the signatures and addresses of at least two officers. No member could nominate himself or nominate a number of candidates for any offices in excess of the number to be elected thereto.

Election will be by mail ballot only, and ballots and biographic sketches of the candidates will be mailed by July 2, 1983, to each member entitled to vote. Each candidate's biographic sketch and platform will also be published in the June issue of *The Numismatist*. Ballots must be returned in the envelope provided, which must be postmarked prior to July 17, 1983, for the ballot therein to be counted. An announcement of the results will be made to all candidates and members of the numismatic press on or before August 6, 1983.

For President and Member of the Board of Governors

Q. David Bowers, P.O. Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894—Declared

For Vice President and Member of the Board of Governors

Chuck O'Donnell, P.O. Drawer A, Williamstown, NJ 08094—Nominated

Florence M. Schook, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154—Nominated

For Board of Governors, Seat No. 1

William H. Horton, Jr., P.O. Box 293, Franklin, NH 07416—Accepted

For Board of Governors, Seat No. 2

Kurt Krueger, P.O. Box 275, Iola, WI 54945—Nominated

For Board of Governors, Seat No. 3

Anthony Swiatek, Box 343, Kew Gardens, NY 11415—Nominated

Dr. Sol Taylor, P.O. Box 5465, N. Hollywood, CA 91616—Nominated

For Board of Governors, Seat No. 4

Grover C. Criswell, Rt. 2, Box 1085, Ft. McCoy, FL—Declared

A.M. (Art) Kagin, 910 Insurance Exchange Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50309—Nominated

Seats 5, 6 and 7 are not up for reelection at this time.

The following have been nominated, but as of April 1, 1983, have not formally declared the seat they will seek:

George M. Beach, P.O. Box 113, Owosso, MI 48867

Arthur M. Fitts, III, P.O. Box 181, West Newton, MA 02165

Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, P.O. Box 15, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Mary Leeuw, P.O. Box 7888, St. Petersburg, FL 33734.

MUSEUM

Three-Cent Pieces Sought by ANA Museum

The economic turbulence of nineteenth-century America, typified by frantic gold rushes, was often reflected in United States coinage of the period. The tremendous discoveries of gold in California had a jarring effect on world-wide economic conditions. In accordance with the laws of supply and demand, as gold increased in abundance, its value in relation to silver decreased sharply. As a result, the proportional advance in the value of silver brought about an alarming exodus of United States silver coinage to foreign markets. In the midst of Congressional efforts to stem this flow, a new silver three-cent piece or "trime" was authorized by an Act of Congress in March 1851. The first legal-tender fiduciary coin, the trime had a fineness of only .750; the difference between face and intrinsic value represented an improved profit margin or "seigniorage" for the U.S. Government.

Before the issuance of the three-cent piece, the adoption of a subsidiary silver coinage was rigorously supported. Many felt that such a measure would prove beneficial in retiring from circulation the multitude of small denomination Latin American pieces so common in the southern and western states. These pieces, primarily the Mexican real and medio real, were variously termed "picayunes," "bits" and "half bits," or the "levy" and "fip" in reference to their former tariffs of eleven and five-and-a-half pence. Often badly worn, the Latin American pieces were customarily redeemed at a sizable discount. Under the terms of the March 1851 Act, the official United States postage rate was reduced from five cents to three cents, thus imparting an additional utilitarian function to the new trime.

In 1854, the trime's weight was decreased from .80 to .75 grams; however, its fineness was increased to .900 to conform to the revised weight standards that Congress had adopted. This transition was indicated on the three-cent piece by the addition of a triple outline around the obverse device (a star emblazoned with the Shield of the Union), and the placing of an olive sprig and bundle of arrows above and below the denomination III on the reverse. Trimes issued between 1859 and 1873 display a revised double outline around the star motif on the obverse.

Type 1 silver three-cent piece, 1851. Cent measures approximately 14mm. Richard W. Floyd Memorial Collection, presented by Margaret H. Floyd.

The advent of the Civil War brought dire economic consequences to both the South and the North. The resulting numismatic issues of this period are fascinating, particularly the anomalous three-cent pieces, which were closely involved with wartime exigencies. Total mintages

of the silver trime during the last eleven years of its existence (1863-1873) comprised far fewer pieces than were struck in 1862. The pressures of inflation, war expenses and hoarding tended to wreak havoc on the nation's coinage, and consequently a variety of paper currencies and token issues were substituted as the circulating medium of exchange.

Type 2 silver three-cent piece, 1858. A modified version (bottom) shares the same reverse but features a double outline around the star on the obverse. Piece is approximately 14mm in diameter. Richard W. Floyd Memorial Collection, presented by Margaret H. Floyd.

1883 Proof copper-nickel composition three-cent "nickel." Presented by Stack's.

Copper-nickel composition three-cent pieces were introduced in 1865 with the intention of replacing the silver trimes with more definitive fiduciary coins. The new three-cent pieces grew in popularity when the Specie Resumption Act of January 14, 1875, provided that emergency fractional currency notes inaugurated by the war could be redeemed with subsidiary coins. Although the need for small change was adequately met by the bronze one- and two-cent pieces issued in 1864, the three-cent pieces provided a useful means of conducting small transactions in "hard" money.

The copper-nickel alloy, perhaps better known as "German silver," was first proposed for United States coinage in the

1830s. However, early experimentation produced generally unfavorable results in regard to assaying, refining and striking. Nevertheless, industrial progress and commercial interest in the alloy continued to develop, and by the 1850s and 1860s the previously unfamiliar alloy had achieved considerable prominence in mercantilism and manufacturing. Use of nickel in regular issue American coins was pioneered by the new "white" small cents issued between 1857 and 1864, which were composed of 12 percent nickel and 88 percent copper. Popular demand for these coins paved the way for augmented use of nickel coinage.

Because of increased manufacturing of war materials, industrial interests soon dominated the political scene in the North. The Government often backed powerful special interest groups, as illustrated by the Act of March 3, 1865, which called for the minting of nickel composition three-cent pieces largely to foster the prosperity of the nickel industry in Pennsylvania. Throughout much of the nineteenth century, inappropriate legislative responses and chicanery played a large part in the production of United States coinage, ostensibly designed to serve public needs. In their own "subsidiary" fashion, both the silver and copper-nickel three-cent pieces epitomized many of the ecomonic uncertainties witnessed in this period of rapid growth and development.

Possibly because of their peculiarity and rather irregular position among the decimal coinages of the United States, few numismatists have devoted much attention to the three-cent issues. Perhaps this attitude accounts for the fact that although many fine American coins have been donated to the Museum of the American Numismatic Association, three-cent pieces have not been well represented. To invite members to build their Association's holdings in this area, the above list indicates which pieces are lacking in the Museum's collection.

A number of dates and varieties of three-cent pieces in the Museum's collection are represented only by a single inferior specimen. Ideally, the Museum would like to obtain two excellent specimens of every variety of three-cent piece and other U.S. issues, including coins, paper money, medals, tokens and related materials. Any help donors can provide to accomplish this goal is greatly appreciated.

Collectors wishing to know more about U.S. three-cent pieces can consult *The U.S. Mint and Coinage* by Don Taxay (New York: Arco Publishing Company, Inc., 1966), which is available in the ANA Library.

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Three-Cent Pieces

Silver		Copper-Nickel	
1855		1874	
1857		1876	
1859		1877	
1862	(2 over 1)	1878	
1863		1880	
1863	(3 over 2)	1882	
1864		1884	
1865		1885	
1866		1886	
1867		1887	
1868		1887	(7 over 6)
1869		1889	
1869	(9 over 8)		
1870			
1871			
1872			
1873			

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SUMMER SEMINAR '83

Colorado or California: Choose Your Numismatic Vacation Site Today

The educational aspect of numismatics many times has been pushed aside in favor of coin shows and conventions, where bourse activity carries the clout to bring numismatists together. However, many collectors gather each summer in pursuit of numismatic education at the ANA Summer Seminar, proving the event an exception to the rule. The ANA Headquarters staff has provided the right atmosphere for those collectors waiting to take advantage of the educational opportunities available to the numismatic hobby.

This year classes have been scheduled at The Colorado College, adjacent to the ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, and at the University of California at Los Angeles. The many well qualified instructors from the private numismatic sector as well as from ANA Headquarters are anxious to welcome collectors from around the country to either location and share their numismatic knowledge. The combination of education and history offered at both sites complements the benefits of the ANA seminar program.

Although founded in 1874, the first students to graduate from The Colorado College did so in 1882, thus marking the beginning of the college's climb to its current educational stature. As with many upstart institutions, the adolescent years were a time of adaptation and commitment. However, the years of growth and stability have produced a legacy of alumni whose contributions to American history are immeasurable. The college has grown from a prairie school of 122 students to a quality learning institution of 1,900 students.

Numismatics is a part of the growth and future of The Colorado College, as the ANA Headquarters building is situated on the campus. It is this nurtured association with The Colorado College that lends itself as the ideal location for a seminar session.

Classes offered at The Colorado College during the July 10-16, 1983, session include the **Charles Wolfe Course on Ancient Coins**. One of the seminar's more popular programs, Charles Wolfe's special insight into ancient coinage and the fascinating history of the times during which the coinage circulated highlight this course. Technical aspects of collecting ancients and the detection of counterfeits will also be discussed.

All About Coins will feature an overview of all aspects of buying, selling and collecting U.S. coins. Primary discussion will center on the history of collecting, minting procedures, grading and pricing systems and theories, and market analysis and investments. Textbooks and class material will be furnished. As a feature of this particular class, a field trip to the gold mining region of Cripple Creek, Colorado, has been scheduled.

By popular demand **Coin Grading** has been added to the curriculum of the Colorado Springs seminar session. Expert instructors will begin this course with a short history of how coins are made and a review of the various minting processes. The remainder of the course will consist of slide presentations alternated with student examination and evaluation of coins in marked and unmarked holders.

A course designed specifically for officers and representatives of coin clubs, **Coin Club Management** emphasizes techniques of improving services, increasing attendance and retaining membership in local clubs. Of a more administrative nature, insurance and legal and fiscal responsibilities will also be examined and discussed.

Basic Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins provides general information about the manufacture of dies, the production of coins and characteristics of genuine and counterfeit key coins. With the aid of laboratory microscopes and the close supervision of seminar instructors, students will have the opportunity to evaluate genuine and counterfeit coins.

For numismatists with an established background in the study of counterfeit coins, the **Advanced Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins** class includes a brief review of die manufacture and coin production. The in-depth slide presentation detailing characteristics of genuine and counterfeit coins covers a greater range of U.S. and foreign coins than does the basic counterfeiting course.

Offered every other year, **Coin Photography** is a popular course taught by members of the Photo Services Department at ANA Headquarters. Students enrolled in the class will be exposed to the "tricks" of professional quality photography. Microphotography and darkroom techniques will also be discussed. Each student should bring a 35mm camera, as cameras will not be provided by the instructors.

For all enrolled in the Colorado Springs seminar, a tour of the Denver Mint—the fee for which is included in the tuition cost—has been scheduled. Built of marble and granite in the early 20th century, this magnificent edifice of the U.S. Government has been an active producer of legal tender coinage since the need arose with the discovery of gold and silver in Colorado. In addition to a specially-escorted tour, with possible visits to areas usually closed to the public, students will meet with Mint Superintendent Nora Hussey.

The University of California at Los Angeles has long been distinguished as one of the more prominent schools in the United States. The ANA is proud to have been able to provide the numismatic community an educational excursion to this renowned institution of higher learning. Scheduled for August 7-13, 1983, the seminar session at UCLA has already sparked collector interest in the Pacific region of the United States.

Nestled in the Santa Monica Mountains, the campus of UCLA provides many features for numismatists attending the seminar program. Complementing the classroom study are many attractions for students' free time, including a golf course, athletic fields, jogging trails, a quarter-mile Olympic track, 21 tennis and five handball courts, two gymnasiums for swimming and basketball, and the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.

Even though UCLA itself offers such an abundant selection of activities, one must not forget the opportunities in Los Angeles. Disneyland, the Hollywood Bowl, movie studios and museums are only a short trip away from the residential suites of the University. Also, cultural events available to all make Los Angeles as diverse an entertainment location as anywhere.

However, these attractions are only a sidelight to the educational benefits of the seminar. Combined with such a broad array of activities, the seminar sessions provide for a balanced week in sunny California. In addition to two of the classes offered at the Colorado Springs site—Coin Grading and Basic Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins—the seminar at UCLA features two other classes. Mel Wacks, editor of *The Augur*, journal of the Biblical Numismatic Society, will share his expertise in the fascinating field of **Biblical Numismatics**. Coins and slide presentations will complement the examination of coins of this period and their relationship to history.

The **Coinage History of Mexico** explores the wide variety of Mexican coinage that is compressed into so short a period of that country's history. These coins affected the trade and economy of not only Mexico, but the United States and the Orient as well. This first-time offering should prove very popular with those having a historical interest in our neighbor to the south.

Tuition for the summer seminar program, including classes, lodging and meals, is $295 for either seminar site. Because of the proximity to Denver, tuition for the Colorado Springs seminar also includes the field trip to the Denver Mint. Both seminars offer limited enrollment and classes have already begun to fill. Make your hobby an educational benefit and register now. Additional information and enrollment applications can be obtained from ANA Summer Seminars, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

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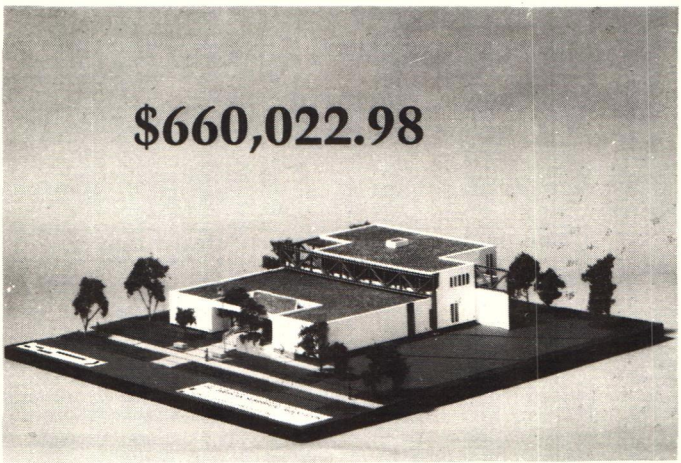

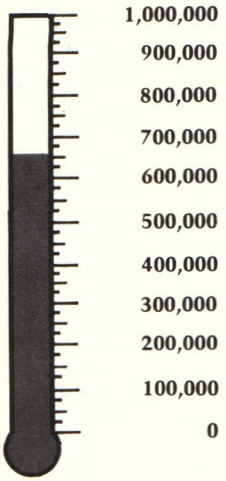

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Association bylaws require publication of each application but not necessarily the applicant's mailing address. However, if the option to omit the street or box number was not exercised on the application form, it has been published herein. Such applicants should realize that numerous mailings will follow from various dealers and other numismatic organizations that scan the monthly publication of applicants.

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Alphonse A. Kolb
LM 228

A 59-year member of the ANA, medalist Alphonse Kolb died March 30 following a brief illness. Born in Germany on December 5, 1893, Kolb emigrated to the United States in 1913. Thereafter, he lived in Rochester, New York, having had only one address since becoming an ANA member in 1923.

Formally trained in Germany, Kolb soon found employment as a die cutter with Bastian Brothers Co. in Rochester. Included among his early productions were convention badges for the ANA, the very first of which was the 1928 convention badge that featured a replica of the 1787 George Clinton copper.

For the Rochester Numismatic Association, to which he devoted 50 years of service, Kolb produced 51 portrait medals of the organization's presidents. He was one of the last die cutters to work directly in steel, although he did produce some dies from reductions of sculpted models.

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LM 81

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Merely enumerating the projects in the United States and abroad in which Abe played major roles would take excessive space. Of great satisfaction to him was the success of the Professional Numismatists Guild, which he originated in 1954 and guided through its founding years. He was chosen to conduct eight ANA convention auction sales, more than any other dealer. One of his recent and notable services to the ANA was as co-compiler and editor of *The Official ANA Grading Standards for United States Coins*, published in 1977.

Many were the awards and honors he received, including the ANA Faran Zerbe Memorial Award and election to the Numismatic Hall of Fame, the PNG Founders Award, the International Association of Professional Numismatists gold honor medal, and numerous others from lesser organizations.

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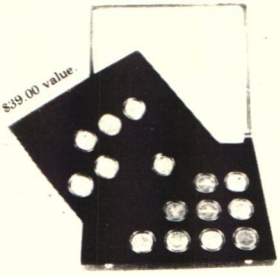

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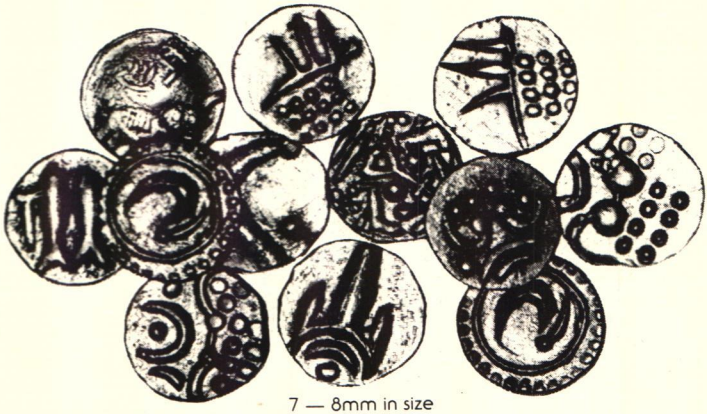

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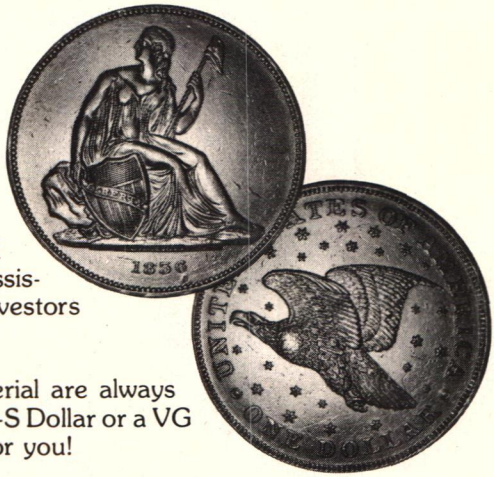

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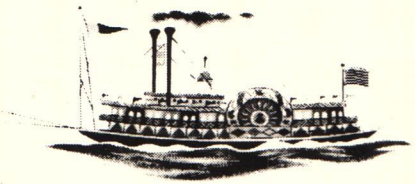

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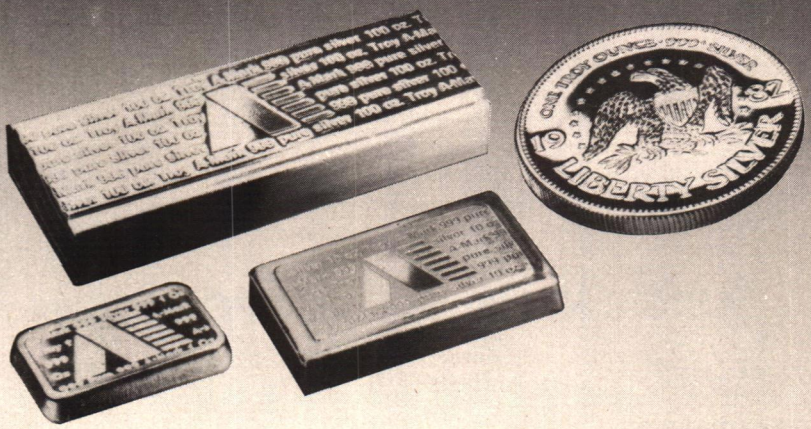

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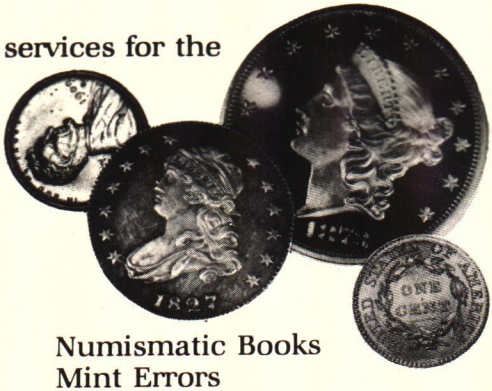

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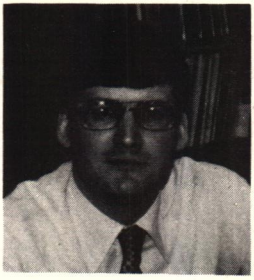

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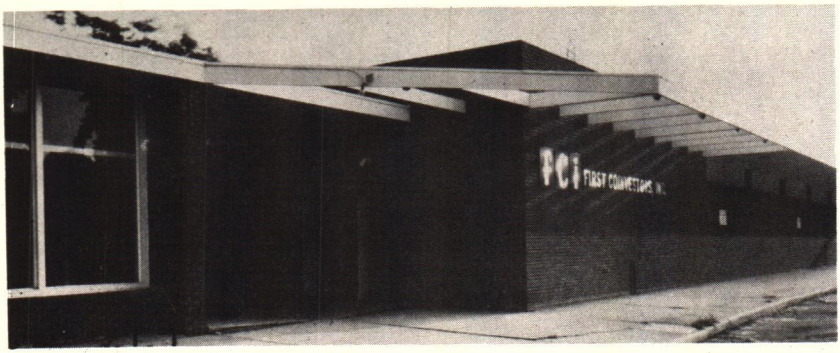

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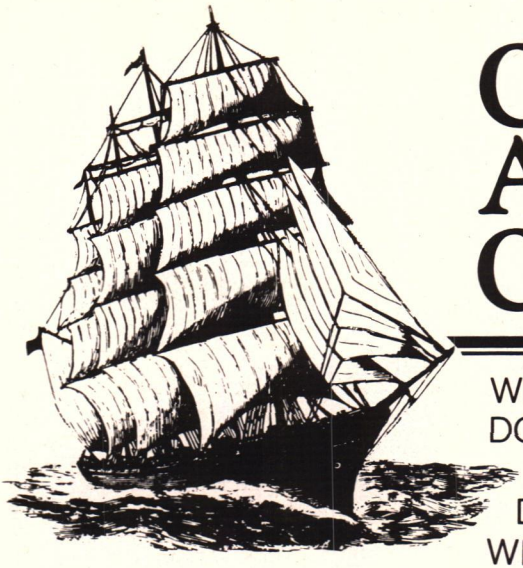

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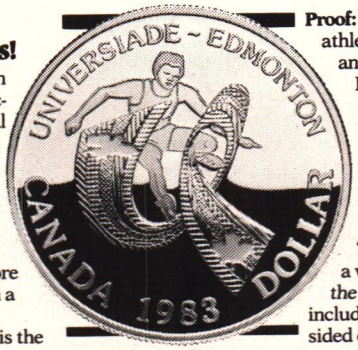

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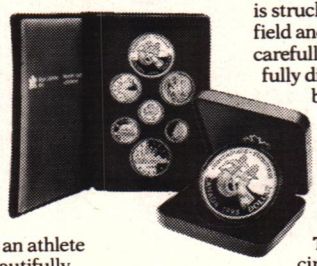

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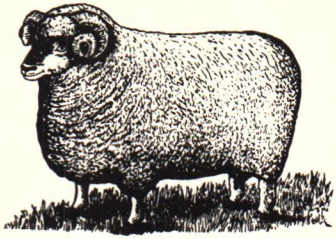

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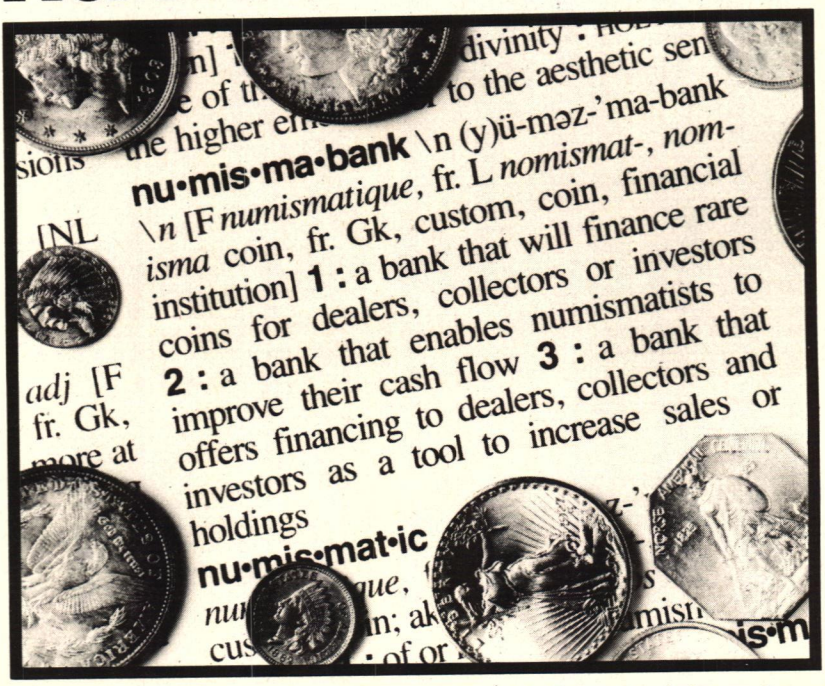

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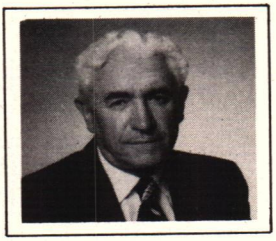

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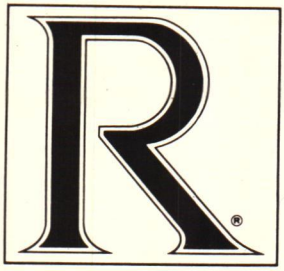

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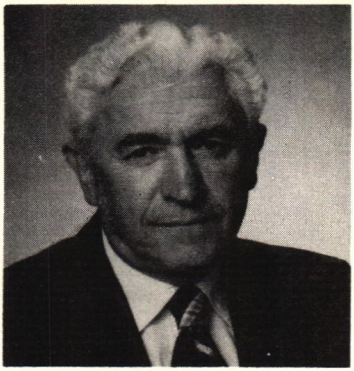

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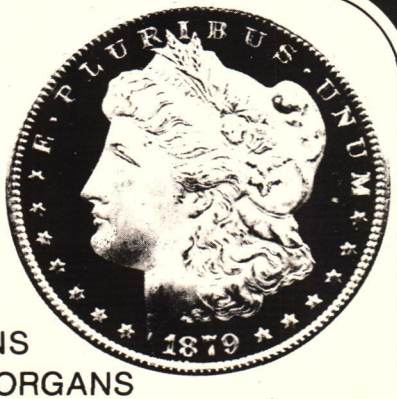

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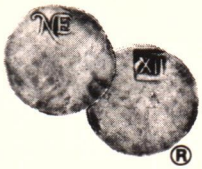

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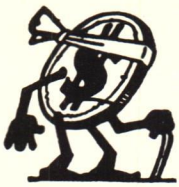

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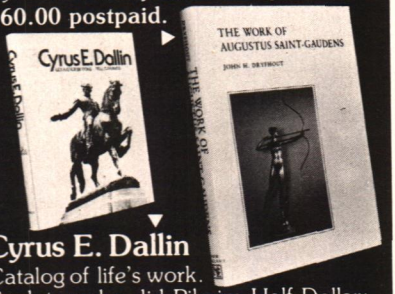

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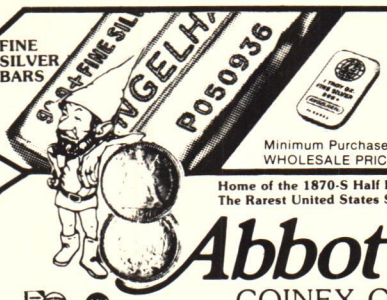

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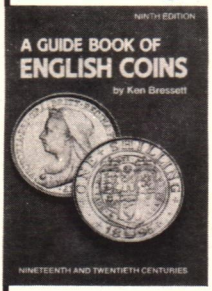

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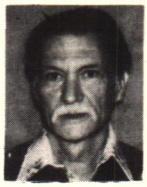

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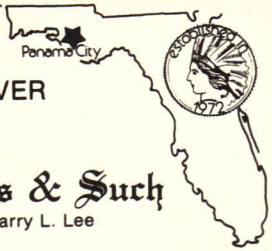

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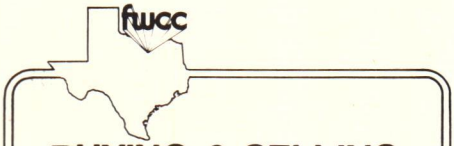

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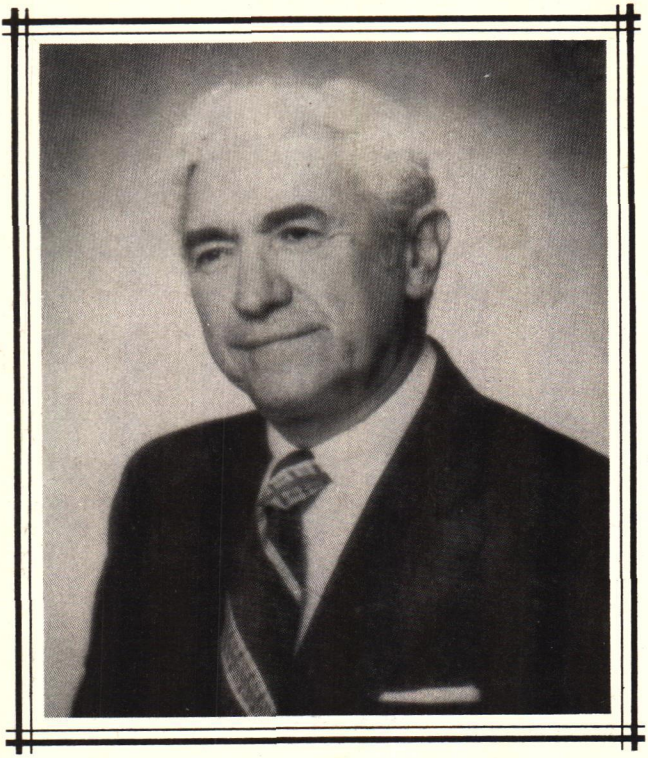

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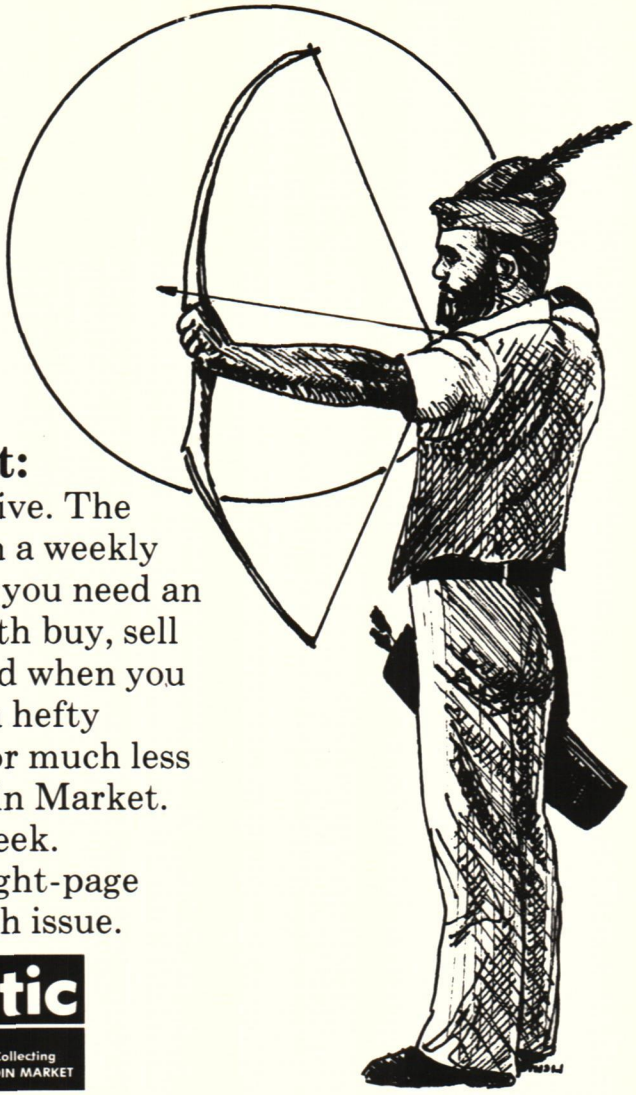

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